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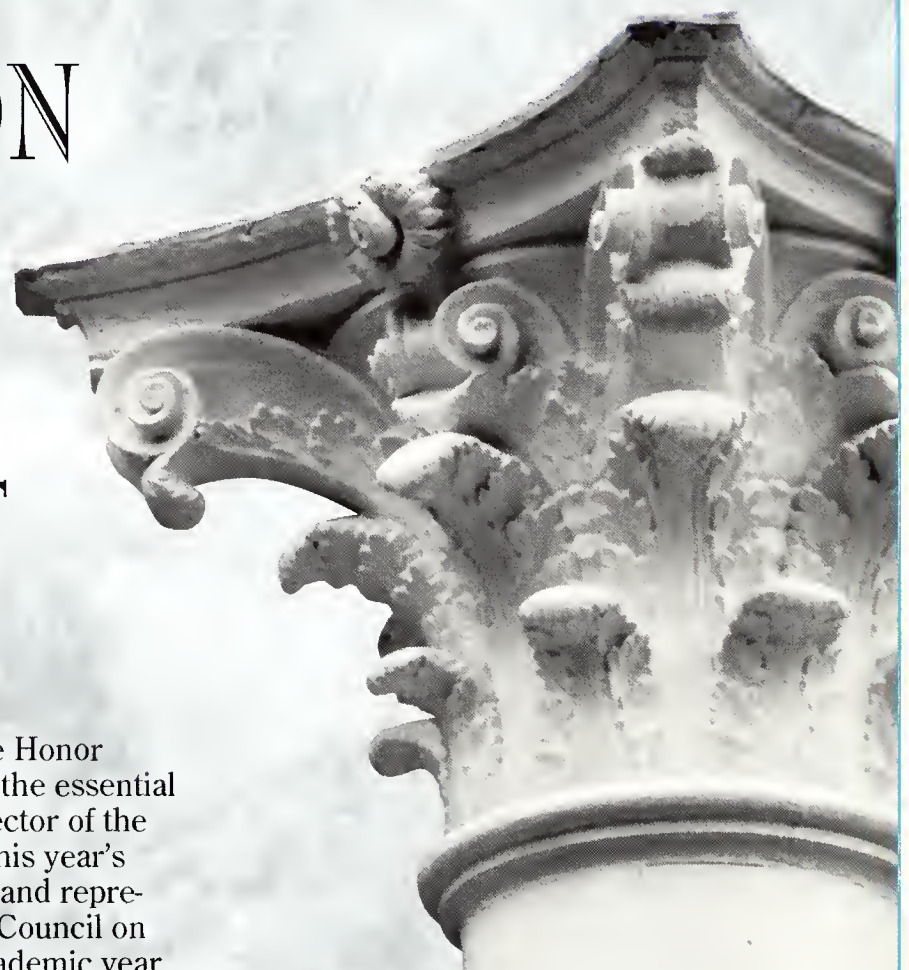
Members of the Honor Council pose after Convocation. Amy R. Szczepanski '97, Honor Council president, is second from left. At far right is K. Sooki Danosky '95, the alumni speaker and past Honor Council president.

The Tradition of Honor: A Shared Commitment



"You are entrusted with the administration of the Honor System which is so crucial to the atmosphere — to the essential character — of this College," Paul A. Dresser Jr., rector of the Board of Visitors, told the students assembled for this year's Honor Convocation. He joined President Anderson and representatives of the administration, faculty and Honor Council on August 25, 1996, for the official beginning of the academic year.

Other speakers continued the theme that a shared commitment is necessary to uphold the Honor System. Teresa A. Kennedy, assistant professor of English, observed, "Ceremonies like this both reaffirm and challenge our capacity for hope, for trust in each other and in our futures."

At the conclusion of the ceremony in Dodd Auditorium, freshmen and transfer students signed Honor Pledge cards signifying their promise not to lie, cheat or steal during their tenure at MWC.

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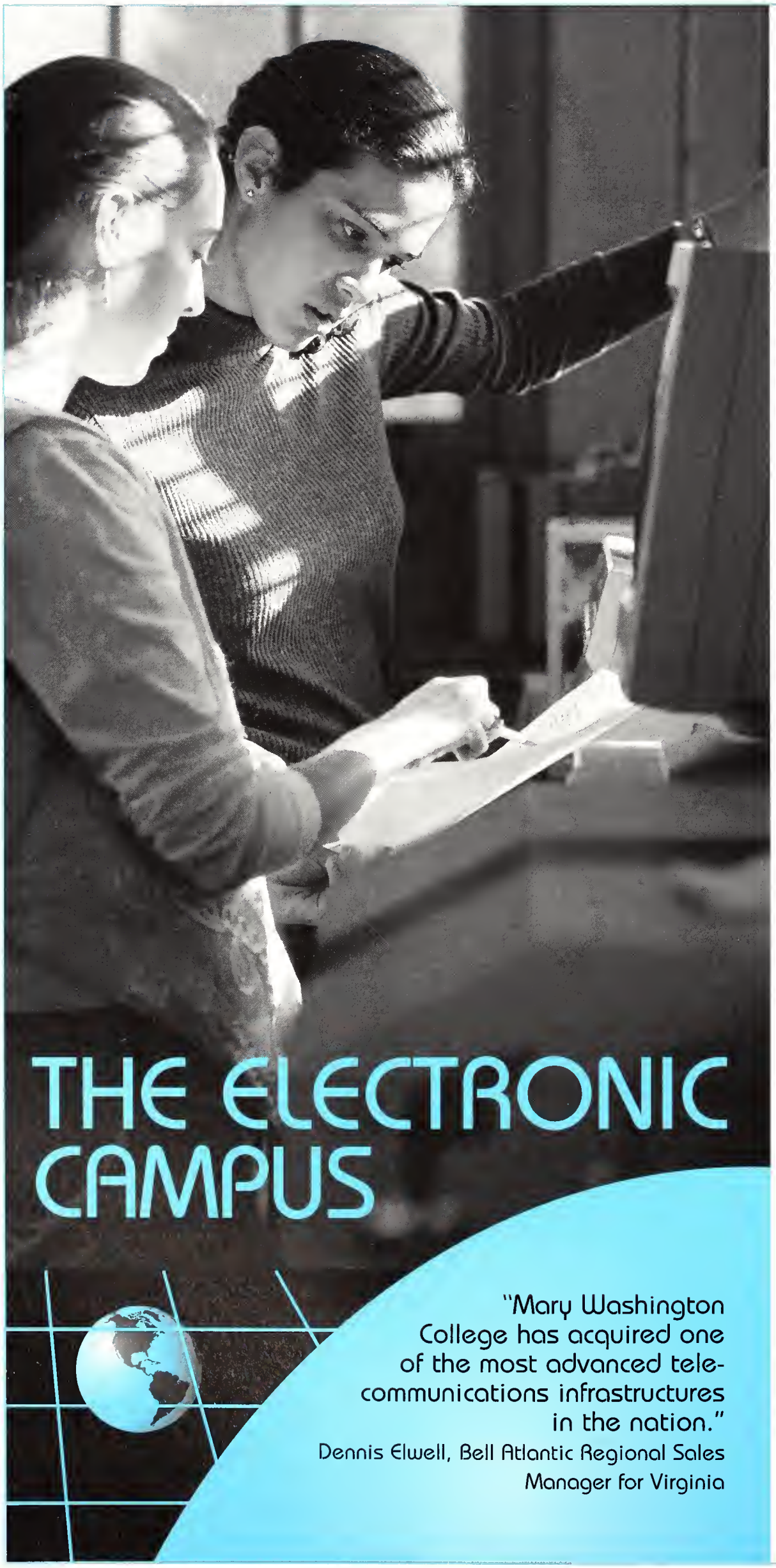

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Dennis Elwell, Bell Atlantic Regional Sales Manager for Virginia

ADVANCING VISIONS

In 1989, key officials and Mary Washington's governing board looked into the 21st century and saw that explosive changes in communications and information processing were not only compatible with the institution's mission, but essential to it.

Like other colleges in the 1980s, Mary Washington acquired computers, computer classes and technologically literate faculty members. But the administration knew it needed a detailed, comprehensive look at the situation. President William M. Anderson Jr. proposed the installation of a state-of-the-art telecommunications network, which was subsequently endorsed with enthusiasm by the administration and Board of Visitors of the College. In May 1994, the College contracted the program to Bell Atlantic, and work began.

The telecommunications and data network at MWC is unsurpassed in Virginia and possibly in the country. It provides every student, faculty member and administrator of the College with complete computer, voice and video connectivity.

The system links not only all professional staff, residential and commuting students (some 4,300 individuals), but offers them resources throughout the campus, including Simpson Library.

The network, in conjunction with other new technology available to students, will open compelling doors of opportunity to learn and exchange information. It will afford innovative ways to keep in touch with classmates and professors and make it easier to communicate academically and socially.

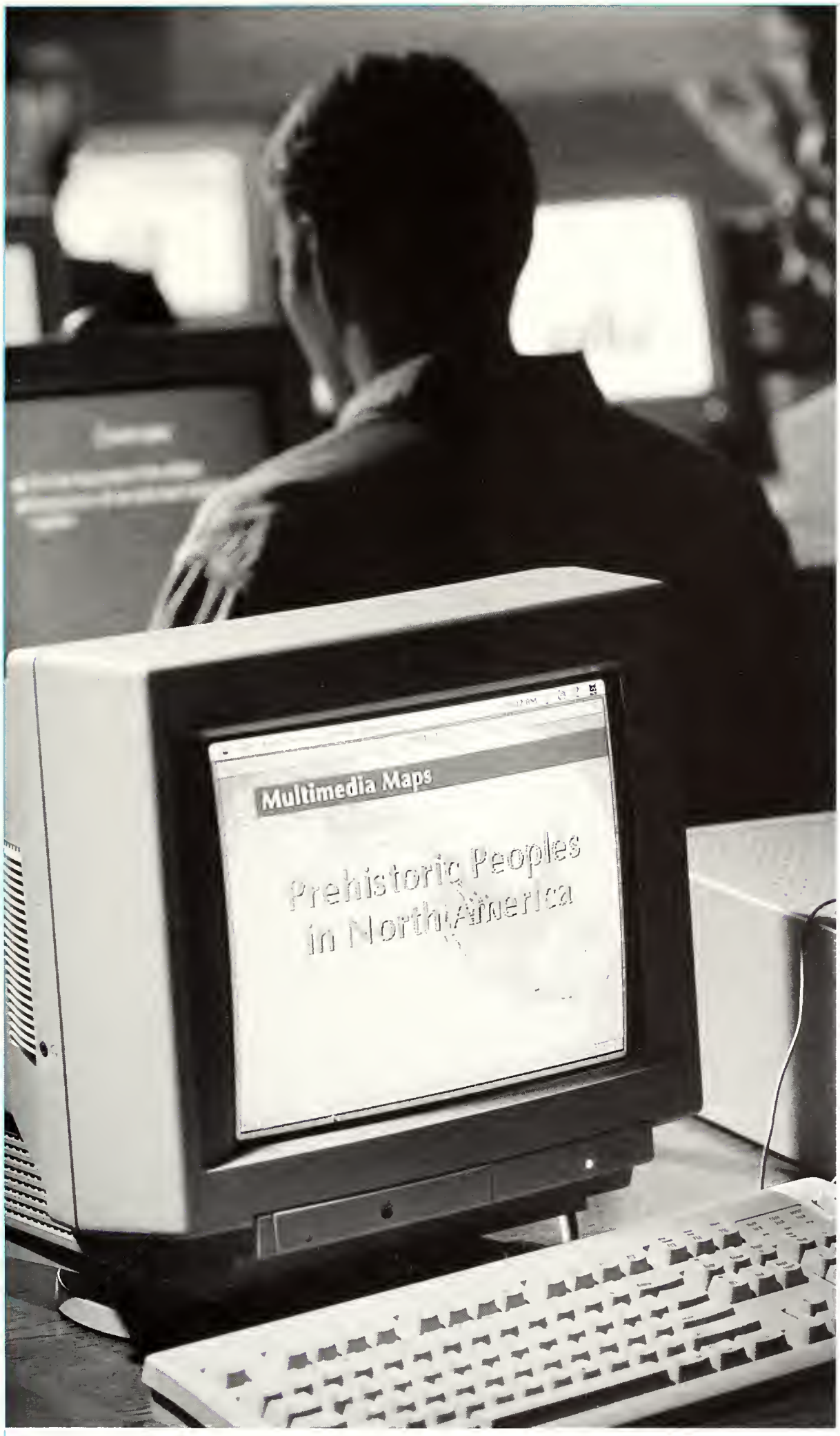
The system places Mary Washington College on the world stage through full access to the Internet — for every classroom, faculty office and residence hall room.

Using 100 percent fiber-optic cable with the latest transmission technology, the system is "the most advanced one we could obtain," says Carol Martin, assistant vice president for computer and network services. Bell Atlantic concurs, saying it will accommodate improvements in the field for at least 10 and probably the next 20 years.

THREE-DIMENSIONAL PROFESSORS

It is not so important what the College has acquired, as what it means to every person using it, especially to those seeking an education at the institution.

Banking heavily on the new technology, the College is training the faculty and



staff to use it to the fullest for the ultimate advantage of the students. A number of faculty members say the system is limited only by the energy and imagination of those using it.

Dean of the Faculty Barbara Palmer says about one-third of the faculty currently utilizes some form of technology-based teaching, many of them in several forms and for multiple purposes. A special grant program provides funding for creative faculty members to develop such programs, making teaching more effective and efficient.

Take Gardner Campbell, for example. "I use all sorts of instructional technology," says the assistant professor of English. In a film analysis and criticism class, he employs laserdisc instruction and stop-frame techniques to help students understand the anatomy of the film. Some of Campbell's laserdiscs even include running commentary by the director, the actors, and other production personnel.

Music Professor David Long combines software with a special electronic keyboard to compose and arrange music. This technology is now available to students studying composition. In a music theory class, Long has teamed computers with electronic keyboards for musical drill.

"It's a nice drill instructor, very patient and never loses its temper," says Long. "What's more, high-achievers can use it in off-hours, on their own time. Cool stuff."

> What we see for the future is a moving away from traditional lecture teaching to more coaching, where faculty work one-on-one with students. This makes possible collaborative effort and virtually unlocks the classroom so that students have worldwide access. The time will come when our students will work on projects with students from other universities, the nation and the world.
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In a lab in Melchers Hall, Art History Professor Joe Dreiss introduced students to the intricacies of producing their own networked multimedia shows. And this is no mere exercise. The class, made up of both computer science and art history majors, created an on-line exhibit of Margaret Sutton's artwork. Sutton, a 1926 Mary Washington graduate, lived and painted in New York for more than 50 years, but during her lifetime exhibited only a handful of paintings.

Dreiss guided the students through a maze of more than 2,000 images created by the artist. From this, they created a full retrospective of her work, complete with biography and catalog. The Sutton show will be on the Internet for the world to appreciate.

Combining art with computers to manipulate images "is a whole new thing for the art history community. It's definitely the wave of the future," says Dreiss. "There's a lot you can do electronically that you just can't do with a book. You

can recreate computer models and navigate their space. The three-dimensional space aspect is very important for both architecture and sculpture."

Grant Woodwell, associate professor of geology, sees the expanded communication available via the Internet as a boon for students. "With the vast resources available, both students and teachers must master the use of new technologies," he says. "We're all involved in this learning process."

The Geology Department is also developing its own multimedia instructional materials, pulling together material and information from numerous resources. There are CD-ROMs being created at the College that will allow self-tutoring beyond anything available in existing library materials, textbooks or lab exercises.

And because they are produced by the College's own staff, says Woodwell, the tutorial disks "will match our curriculum. We won't have to adapt someone else's material to our syllabus."

The time is fast approaching when disciplines not taking advantage of the technological revolution will be the exception.

POPULAR INNOVATIONS

An extremely popular aspect of the innovative technologies for Mary Washington students is the phone system. "It's really great having your own phone after sharing one with 30 students in the hall," is a typical comment. And while the new phone system, with voice mail and discount long-distance, is a major-league hit, other electronic innovations are equally impressive.

The College's 3,800 students will have a magnetic debit card for quick cash. The same card also enhances building security when it is flipped over to become a keyless access card.

Students with computers will also have an on-line campus BBS (bulletin board system) that will serve the same needs as the old cork bulletin boards. The on-line board may become the new hot spot for notes, items for sale, and students looking for a ride home.

Through the campus electronic EagleNet, students will be able to look up academic records, check exam grades, explore next semester's course offerings, and even pay bills.

Martin Wilder Jr., vice president for admissions and financial aid, said on-line applications for admission to Mary Washington are now available on the World Wide Web. He already receives electronic inquiries from prospective students for information and application forms.

Off-campus students at the College may soon feel more closely tied to the on-campus community. With the proper computer and software, they will be able to access the campus network from where they live.

POINT-AND-CLICK LIBRARY

When design work began on Mary Washington's new library a decade ago, Simpson Library Director Roy Strohl saw the potential for a technological makeover in information handling and storage. He immediately began shifting the library's bibliographic records to electronic formats.

The initial phase of that task was completed four years ago. Then the same process began for U.S. and state government documents, periodicals and journals. "Now we have an electronic bibliographical record for everything in the library," Strohl says.

Useful as it is to search for sources of information remotely and with point-and-click convenience, it's only the beginning of the dramatic changes underway in the storage, retrieval and use of library materials.

Over the past six years, MWC's library has expanded its collection of indexes and periodical materials on CD-ROMs. The pace of that trend has picked up, and full text material can often be found on these popular compact disks.

But a much more ambitious project was in the works. Two years ago, directors of the state's academic libraries launched the Virtual Library of Virginia — VIVA — a project too expensive for even the most financially well-off institutions to take on alone.

Through a pooling of resources, the libraries are acquiring collections of materials in electronic formats, and through the marvels of electronic sharing, all Virginia's state colleges and universities will be able to access this material.

It will take years, perhaps decades, to make the conversion of thousands of documents and pieces of literature to the digital and electronic format. But the work is well under way, and the future seems boundless for scholars at Mary Washington as well as many other institutions of higher learning.

"It won't matter where something is physically located, you will be able to read it," explains Strohl. "It's one of the

MILLIONS INTO SCIENCE

The Jepson Science Center, opening in 1998 at the north end of the MWC campus, is in keeping with Mary Washington's full-scale commitment to technological change.

The new facility will incorporate state-of-the-art support systems for science research and study, such as an integral greenhouse for environmental and botanical work. A science literacy center will assist interdisciplinary and introductory science studies and house a number of small computer labs.

The new science building is to be named for Lillie Andrews Jepson '64 of Savannah, Ga., an alumna and former board member of the College who, with her husband, Robert, provided a substantial part of the funding for the building.

The Center carries an $11 million price tag, not counting at least $2 million more for equipment and instrumentation.

real wonders of technology: If you can click to it, you can get to it."

For Strohl, these are exciting times: "I've been at this over 25 years, and I can't imagine a better time to work in libraries. This may be the most dynamic field in higher education. We really don't know, long-term, what the impact of this new technology will be and where it will lead," he says.

If there is any downside to this expansion of opportunities for learning, it is that students run the risk of being overwhelmed. The best way to prevent this, Strohl believes, is to ensure that they are well-schooled on how to search the new electronic archives.

The library has developed a very active instruction program. All students enrolled in English 101 receive a general introduction to library and information resources. In upper level courses a wide array of presentations serve to introduce discipline-specific resources — bibliographic and electronic. The far-reaching technological changes that have taken place on this campus allow students to do much of their research, compile bibliographies and locate hard-to-find materials from their own rooms.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Not only is full access to the Internet now available to every student at Mary Washington College, but students are taught how to search and exploit its seemingly limitless potential.

Computer Science Professor Ernest Ackermann provides Mary Washington College with a presence on the global computer network (accessed at http://www.mwc.edu). MWC's Home Page provides anyone, anywhere, with a general introduction to the College, its programs, courses of study and faculty members, as well as links to some individual departments and special presentations.

One recent linking was an on-line art exhibit of Associate Professor of Art Stephen Griffin's work. Complete with images and an audio interview of the artist, the virtual show paralleled an art exhibit that was being held in the College's duPont Gallery.

The on-line show was jointly produced by Ackermann and Art History Professor Joe Dreiss. It's the first of many on-line productions from MWC, many of which will be produced by students.

One of the more exciting prospects of the new technology is that an increasing number of students in a variety of major fields will not only be learning from, but contributing to, the Internet.

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MWC Revisited

Class of '86 members Kelly Mock Thomas and Susie Brown Gerald don't believe what they're hearing.

Class of 1936

60-Year Reunion

It was Saturday, June 1, 1996, and morning had broken. There would not be loitering on campus if the goats of 1936 planned to attend one of the Reunion College classes. They did, and they made their voluntary trek to the scheduled room in Monroe, Chandler (known nostalgically to them as the training school), or the library to hear, respectively, Bill Atalay's "Greatest Englishman Ever," Bill Crawley's explanation of "The South's Unintended Revolution," or Jack Bales' "Introduction to Simpson Library."

Later, there was another set of "classes" in which Bill Atalay, by means of pictures and his own sketches, guided his "students" through historic Oxford and the beautiful English countryside, and Forrest McGill gave a tour of the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Meanwhile, a computer network demonstration was in progress at Trinkle.

Of course, the "girls" could take advantage of a guided tour of the campus to see the half-century changes, but they seemed to know their way around and opted for class picture-taking and lunch. And what a beautiful setting for both! While the fountain played, Monroe Hall, Frances Willard and Virginia looked benignly on their "children" as they said "cheese" for the photographer and then

Vernon Brown and Irene Lundy Brown '39 share a laugh at the Golden Society celebration.

Mabel McGinniss Crismond '31, Kathleen Gallagher Spirito '31 and Jo Schaum happily remember the time spent at MWC.

"How about this one?" asks volunteer Liz Somerville Hutchins '78, holding up a sample of merchandise from The Spinning Wheel Boutique.

enjoyed a delicious lunch under the trees that had become somewhat larger since the May Court days.

Each of the '36ers certainly planned to attend the concert for "Mrs. A" (Frances Liebenow Armstrong) in Mary Ball, beautifully played by pianist Dick Miller, then vice president for business and finance. He introduced the music with a selection from the Beatles and closed with the theme from Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." The sing-along, "Morning Has Broken," may not have been particularly spirited at that hour of the afternoon, but there *was* participation.

After punch and cookies and picture-taking, there was a business meeting in which Scott Harris, an MWC graduate and now historian of the MWC Alumni Association, recorded the audience's reminiscences of the era of Mrs. Bushnell, the daisy chain, and the "Peanut" secret pal program.

And after all these wonderful events, there was still time left in the day for some rest and freshening-up before the MWC Foundation Reception, the Reunion Banquet and "The Last Hurrah."

By Stewart Jones '36

As members of the Golden Society, we were honored by being first in line for the delicious buffet reunion dinner!

It was very special to have Dr. Alvey join Ethel, Ruby Lee, Frances and husband Sidney, and me, in the Great Hall. Also with us was Monecia Helton Naggs '88, director of community and organizational development, who gave us new insights into the diverse opportunities the College program now offers.

Dr. Alvey was recognized for his 93rd birthday on June 13. His alertness is phenomenal. We shared with him his emotional appreciation when recognized, then a classmate told of the continuing contributions to the scholarship fund established by our class in his honor in 1986.

A highlight of the program was viewing a videotape of people and activities at the College through the years. After the delicious dinner and interesting program, the younger alumni gathered at the Eagles Nest for a "Last Hurrah." However, following dinner, I believe many of the Golden Society joined me in saying "goodnight" for the evening.

A special thanks should go to Ethel Nelson Wetmore for having been our class agent through the years and keeping us all in touch.

By Mary Alice Turman Carper '36

Class of 1986

10-Year Reunion

One of the many joys of teaching high school is picking up the students' colorful language. Reunion Weekend 1996 can best be described as "da bomb." (This is a good thing.)

The weather was terrific (much more comfortable than Reunion Weekend '91). The campus was immaculate, as usual. Although activities were scheduled on Friday night, most of our class members arrived on Saturday....If you haven't been to Fredericksburg since graduation, you would be surprised by the many changes. Route 3 near Spotsylvania Mall has every restaurant, department store and convenience store imaginable....The reunion activities were well-planned and well-attended. We gathered around the foun-

Alumni gather in Mason Hall, which probably has a few stories of its own to tell.

The fountain is the best place to catch up on gossip, as Fernanda Kain '86 and Paul Killmer '86 demonstrate.

Associate Dean for Student Activities Cedric Rucker '81 tells members of the Class of '81 what life is like today at MWC.

This baby looks happy knowing that his mom, Stacey Lazzuri Ripple '91, and uncles, Chris Lazzuri '94 and Brian Lazzuri '97, are current and future alumni.

tain in front of Monroe Hall for a scrumptious picnic. As we munched on veggieburgers and ice cream sundaes, we had an opportunity to reunite with lost friends Paul Killmer, Troy Knighton and Bridget Wood. In her job with Bell Atlantic, Bridget works with actor James Earl Jones. Remember the "Freshman Register"? It's hard to believe that 10 years have passed. Everyone still looks great! I can't wait to see our class picture.

During the day, we discussed families, missing alumni and our jobs. We picked up parenting tips from classmates. It seemed the children had as much fun as the parents, especially playing near (and in) the fountain. Shout-outs were given to the several alumni who crossed time zones to attend the reunion: Gabrielle Dotson, Karen Anderson and Michelle Runge traveled from California.

The class party and "The Last Hurrah" were reminiscent of Goolrick keg parties. We are still a class of party animals. Several beer-runs were made. Now lite beer is on the menu. We jammed to Billy Idol, The Boss, and Freddie Jackson. We watched the video of Irene Thomaidis "thanking" President Anderson for her diploma. I had an opportunity to talk with Eddie Dunn. She has been awarded a fellowship to spend the summer in Jordan. Lisa Harvey can be credited with the participation of many of our alumni. Hence, she was selected (democratically of course) to serve as chairperson of Reunion Weekend 2001. Big plans are in the works for the reunion, including a tent, catered food and a live band!

By Fernanda L. Kain '86

Alumni Awards Honor Two

BY TARA C. CORRIGALL '82

The Reunion Banquet was a time for remembering. Stories filled the air as we walked through the room and were transported back to college days. Our 1996 award recipients added to our memories with reflections on their Mary Washington College experience. The recipient of the Mary Washington College Distinguished Alumnus Award, Susan Wagner Lacy '70, has turned endeavors in the arts into an outstanding career of showcasing accomplished Americans. She has a degree in American studies from MWC and a master's degree in American studies from George Washington University. Susan has devoted her career to the arts — more specifically to public television. She has been senior program executive for the series "Great Performances," and director of program development for "American Playhouse." She has also held positions at the National Endowment of the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Currently, Susan is creator and executive producer of "American Masters," which premiered in 1986. The series is widely recognized and distributed throughout the world. Her series has received 20 Emmy nominations, winning five prime-time Emmys for outstanding informational special. "American Masters" has also received three Oscar nominations and two Peabody Awards. Susan's work in public television enriches our lives and educates us each day about major contributors to our society and our culture...all sorts of people, from Edward R. Murrow to Martha Graham, Eugene O'Neill to Bruce Springsteen.

Susan shared a wonderful video of highlights from her series. She spoke of an era of involvement, of issues outside the College and their tremendous impact on the students. She addressed the strength of a then all-women's college. Susan certainly made the most of her college days and created the ultimate career for an American studies major. It was a pleasure to present the Distinguished Alumnus award to such a talented individual.

Virginia Lewis Dalton '40 (left) and Susan Wagner Lacy '70.

The recipient of the Mary Washington College Service Award, Virginia Lewis Dalton '40, is an outstanding example of all this award embodies. She served eight years on the Board of Visitors and two of those as rector of the board. She currently serves on the Mary Washington College Foundation Board of Directors and is a member of the Heritage Society and the President's Council. Over the years, she has participated in many events sponsored by the Richmond alumni chapter. In 1990, Virginia chaired her class's 50th reunion campaign, and with the monies raised, the class endowed the Oscar H. Darter Scholarship in History.

In her acceptance speech, Virginia reminded us of the vast history and change the school has seen over the years and wondered aloud — "If these buildings could talk —." Her reflections on Mrs. Bushnell and studying in the closets after lights-out caused many a smile. We were fascinated by the story of how our alma mater came to be known as Mary Washington College.

Virginia has given so much of her time and energy to Mary Washington College, and we are truly grateful. It was an honor to present this award to such a wonderful person, and her comments made the evening a very special one.

Tara C. Corrigall '82, former chair of alumni awards, is now president-elect of the MWC Alumni Association Board of Directors.

COMMENCEMENT '96:

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Happiness and families mark MWC's 85th Commencement.

Families and friends line the walkways to catch a glimpse of their special graduates.

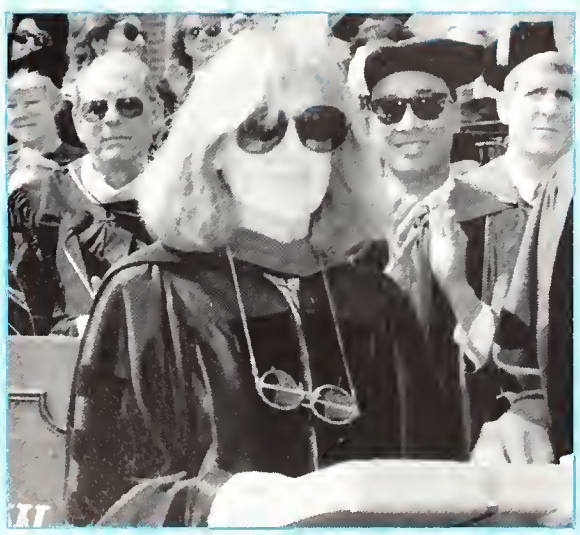
With pride, excitement and happiness, families and friends congratulated the 783 graduates from the Class of 1996 at MWC's 85th Commencement.

Charles W. Sydnor Jr., president and chief executive officer of Central Virginia Educational Telecommunications Corporation, was commencement speaker. Dr. Sydnor served as president of Emory and Henry College in Emory, Va., from 1984-1991.

His well-received address follows in part —

"...For those of you who are parents of seniors, this is the day when college presidents observe in you the end of a complete and dramatic change. Four years ago, or five years ago, or longer, you brought a son or daughter here to enter college. We remember that you were tense, torn with emotion, and extremely nervous. You knew and we observed that your son or daughter was embarrassed by your lingering presence, terrified that

Dr. Charles W. Sydnor Jr.: "The things that will return in your memory will enchant and astound you..."



GRELLET C. SIMPSON AWARD

Carole S. Manning, professor of English, received the Grellet C. Simpson Award, which is given annually as MWC's most prestigious award, for excellence in teaching. Dr. Manning, an authority on Southern literature, holds a Ph.D. from the State University of New York/Albany, an M.A. from the University of Kentucky, and a B.A. from Delta State College in Cleveland, Miss. In 1990, she won the Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education. She developed and directs MWC's Writing Intensive Program. The author of With Ears Opening Like Morning Glories: Eudora Welty and the Love of Storytelling, *and* The Female Tradition in Southern Literature, *Professor Manning has been at Mary Washington since 1982.*

you would begin weeping in public, and wanted you out of here. But at that time, you looked reasonably prosperous.

"Now you look relaxed and calm, your graduating senior looks relaxed and calm -- but you don't look so prosperous anymore. Some of you are even a little threadbare. Dr. Anderson and I know that many of you are in hock up to your eyeballs. After today, there's only one thing left you need to do: Figure out how to get them off of your payroll — and on to somebody else's.

"As a college president, I felt a special bond with parents. On the day the freshmen arrived, after we helped to get everything unloaded and somehow crammed into the dorms, I gathered all the parents together and tried to reassure them that everything really would be okay...The changes that occur during these short, crowded years of college are made possible in laboratories of learning and self-reliance that enable you to navigate the most difficult passage in life: the transformation from adolescence to adulthood. Nothing else supports and encourages that transition as well as an American

Dean Palmer announces the name of each graduate.

FACULTY PRESENT DIPLOMAS TO FAMILY MEMBERS

Bulent I. Atalay, professor of physics, presented his niece, Ms. Billur Tansel, with her diploma. Ms. Tansel, who speaks five languages fluently, is from Istanbul, Turkey. She graduated with a double major in economics and philosophy and has returned to Istanbul to work for a multinational company.

Richard E. Hansen, distinguished professor of English, presented a B.A. degree to his niece, Alicia T. Faggart of Richmond, Va. A Spanish major, Ms. Faggart plans to work in elementary grades after student-teaching this fall.

Fred T. Whitman, senior lecturer in business administration, presented a diploma to his son, James Whitman — a business major — and the third of his children to graduate from MWC. Two of Professor Whitman's daughters are alumni: one from the Class of 1979 and one from the Class of 1981. In addition, Professor Whitman's brother-in-law graduated in 1981 and a sister-in-law in 1994.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG FACULTY MEMBER

Janusz Konieczny, assistant professor of mathematics, was presented the MWC Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award, given annually to an exceptional member of the faculty who has served the institution for at least two years, but no more than five years. The award was established eight years ago with an endowment gift of $35,000 from the Alumni Association. Dr. Konieczny earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from Pennsylvania State University, an M.S. in computer science, and an M.S. in mathematics from Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland. He is an expert on algebraic semigroups and mathematical logic, and frequently speaks at national conferences about his research. His work has been published in well-respected professional journals. Dr. Konieczny joined the Mary Washington College faculty in 1992.

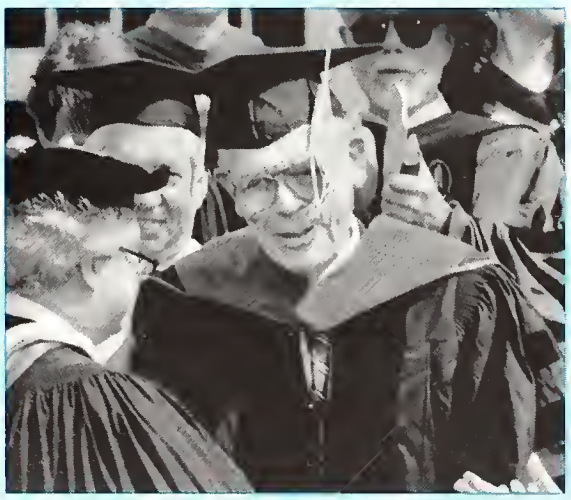
Children are always an important part of the celebration.

Doing it "his way," as his graduation cap declares, seems to be fine with this proud woman.

college — the Mary Washingtons of our academic landscape. For all of you who have spent heavily, and have sacrificed, for what your sons and daughters have received here, your investment can yield returns beyond evaluation.

"For those of you in the Class of '96, I would suggest that in leaving here you remember the whimsical wisdom of a hit song that went to the top of the charts some 14 years ago. The recording artist was the late George Burns -– the same George Burns who died last March at the age of 100. He was a remarkable human being and cultural icon for many reasons. Among his many astonishing achievements was his first hit song, which he recorded in 1982 — at the age of 86. The title and first line was: 'I wish I was 18 again, and goin' where I'd never been.'

"All of you, of course, are more than 18. But beginning today, you're bound and destined to be goin' where you've never been. Even as you leave, some part of you will always be here — as a part of Mary Washington. In what you have become and done in your years here, your character, your imprint, each of your individual personalities have been indelibly interwoven into the fabric of this magnificent place. I really believe this. A college is more than bricks and marble and green, and professors and laboratories and libraries; it is a living and cumulative collection of experience and memory, embracing many generations of those who teach and learn in it…The things that will return in your memory will enchant and astound you: the classroom idiosyncrasies of your favorite professors, the hew of sun upon brick in the ebbing moments of an autumn afternoon; the smell of campus grass after the first spring mowing; how our socked-feet looked, stuck beneath the table, in late-night library study; the feel of a walk



Professor Emeritus

Faculty members who have served Mary Washington College for at least 15 years and who have attained the rank of professor or associate professor are eligible upon retirement to be considered for emeritus status. This honor, by action of the Board of Visitors, was bestowed at Commencement upon Distinguished Professor of Political Science Lewis P. Fickett Jr.

Dr. Fickett arrived at Mary Washington College in 1963 after a varied and successful career as both a lawyer and as a foreign service officer, in which he handled assignments in Algeria and the Federal Republic of Germany. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Dr. Fickett graduated summa cum laude from Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine. He earned a Ph.D. and an L.L.B. degree from Harvard University.

Dr. Fickett has excelled as both a teacher and a scholar. At last year's Commencement, the College recognized his pedagogical excellence by honoring him with the Grellet C. Simpson Award.

His distinguished record as a scholar of politics in India includes the publication of three books and numerous articles and professional papers in leading scholarly fora. He also participated in scholarly seminars on Indian politics sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Smithsonian Foundation.

Dr. Fickett resides in Fredericksburg with his wife, Martha, a member of the music faculty at the College, and his son, Lewis III, also a graduate of Bowdoin College, who entered the School of Law at Boston College this fall.

Families willingly pose for photos throughout the beautiful morning.

beneath the freezing canopy of star-filled heavens on a deep winter night. And the last, lingering look you already have — or soon will take — at your room, the place where you lived, and where so much of your life has now come alive.

"There is no place else like Mary Washington. Remember this place. Honor this place. Cherish this place. Support this place.

"Because, when you become as me, in the middle part of life's passage, you will grow sentimental, and begin grasping to hold fast — or even to try to recover — the vanished supremacies that are the exclusive provenance of the young. And when you enter the passage of the middle years, you will look back and say of this place and of your time here, that of all the cultures and continents, and cities and towns, and oceans and rivers you've seen, there's no other place — no other place like this — to make you so wish that, somehow, you were only 18 again, and goin' where you'd never been."

Happiness for the achievement of loved ones shines from all faces.

View of the graduates and crowd as seen from the faculty section. VIP tent is in the background.

Darden Award Winners

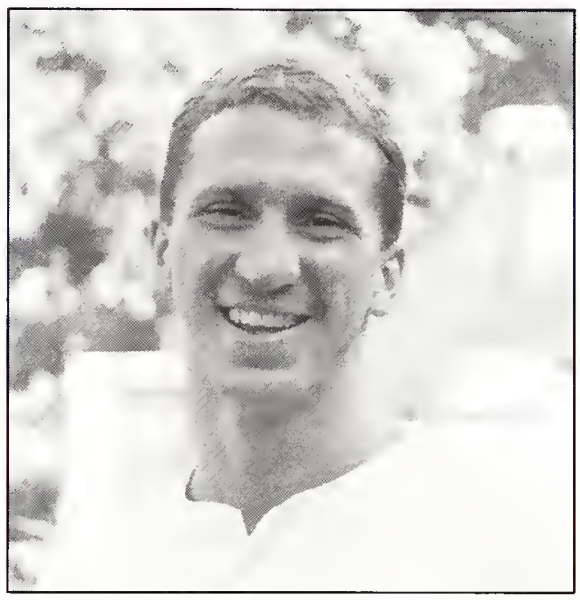
Andrea Lynn Frome of Lorton, Va., and Jeanette Marie La Civita of Long Valley, N.J., shared the Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award, presented annually to the student(s) with the highest grade point average. Both students earned perfect A averages (4.0).

Andrea Lynn Frome earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental science. She also received the Fredericksburg Kiwanis Award for an outstanding combination of scholarship, leadership and community service. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Frome of Lorton, Va.

Jeanette Marie La Civita earned a bachelor of science degree in physics. She also received the Einstein Award in Physics for the outstanding senior physics major. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred La Civita of Long Valley, N.J.

ANOTHER CAPITAL

Eliza Huber was an All-American in both field hockey and lacrosse in 1995-96.



First-year head swimming coach Matt Kinney was named CAC men's and women's Coach of the Year, after leading both teams to CAC titles and identical 8-2 dual-meet records.

MWC wins Division III — best nine conference titles, claims 19 All-Americans in 1995-96

BY VINCE BENIGNI

The tradition continues. In 1995-96, MWC won nine Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) championships, the most conference titles of any school in NCAA Division III. The Eagles captured the CAC All-Sports Award — symbolic of the most outstanding athletic program in the eight-team conference — for the fifth straight year. And a record 51 percent of MWC's 300-plus student-athletes achieved a 3.0 or better grade point average in spring semester 1996.

Let's take a look back at one of the finest years in MWC's rich athletic history…

The fall season saw three MWC teams capture their fifth straight CAC title. The men's soccer team finished 14-4-2, and senior Jeff Kramer garnered Second-Team All-America honors. He was also named CAC Player of the Year, and played in the inaugural Umbro Select Game in Florida. Roy Gordon was the CAC Coach of the Year.

The men's and women's cross country teams again snared CAC crowns, behind CAC Coach of the Year Stan Soper. Sophomore Caitlin McGurk was medalist in the CAC meet for the second straight year, while junior Jon Gates won the men's race. Both were NCAA National qualifiers for the second time.

The field hockey team (12-4) received a fourth NCAA Tournament berth in five years, and took eventual finalist Messiah to double overtime before losing in the first round. Senior Carin Gsellman was named CAC Player of the Year, and a Second-Team All-American; classmate Eliza Huber was also a Second-Team All-American; and Sophomore Angie Saulsbury was an Academic All-American.

In women's soccer, an 11-4-1 Eagle squad captured a fourth CAC title in five seasons. CAC Coach of the Year Kurt Glaeser lost an outstanding senior to graduation in Stefanie Teter, who scored 101 career points and was named CAC Player of the Year for the third straight time. The women's volleyball team went 30-16, and lost to top-seeded Gallaudet, 3-2 in the CAC Finals. Senior Angie Long was selected First-Team All-CAC for the second straight year.

An exceptional swimming campaign highlighted MWC's winter season. In his first season, CAC Coach of the Year Matt Kinney led both the men's and women's teams to CAC titles, and identical 8-2 dual-meet records. The MWC women won for the sixth straight year, and the men for the fourth time in that span. Senior Eliza Barcus was an All-American and the CAC Swimmer of the Year. Classmate Sarah King finished as a nine-time All-American and was named MWC's

Senior Jeff Kramer was named a Second-Team men's soccer All-American, after leading MWC to a 14-4-2 mark and a fifth straight CAC title.

Senior Stefanie Teter became MWC's first basketball All-American, after leading the nation in assists. She became the third player in NCAA Division III history to score more than 1,000 points and dish out 600 assists. She was also the CAC Player of the Year in women's soccer for the third straight season.

Rising junior Kirsten Erickson (3.91 cumulative GPA) was an Academic All-American in women's tennis, and was named Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year for the CAC-champion Eagles.

Female Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year. Other All-Americans for the women were seniors Liz Darcy and Gretchen Hurley, junior Emily Williams and sophomore Jessica Green. Junior Tim Selgas became the school's first-ever men's swimming All-American, earning citations in two events. Junior Scott Wagner was named MWC's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

The women's basketball team went 14-9, despite losing its entire starting front court to season-ending injuries in the first semester. Point guard Stefanie Teter became the sport's first-ever All-American (honorable mention), and led NCAA Division III in assists with 8.5/game. She finished her career with 609 assists, the fifth-highest total in NCAA history. In men's basketball, junior Dave Mahoney paced the CAC in three-point shooting percentage at .500. Freshman George Bunch led MWC in rebounding at 6.9/game.

Another exceptional spring season featured three CAC champions. The women's tennis team (11-5) of CAC Coach of the Year Ed Hegmann served up a sixth straight CAC crown, led by CAC Player of the Year Kirsten Erickson, a sophomore who also was an Academic All-American. Erickson and freshman Leah Morris won the 32-team Rolex Regional doubles title, and finished sixth at Rolex Nationals, despite Erickson's breaking her left wrist just days before the tourney. Both players were selected to the NCAA National individual tournament — Erickson in singles and doubles, Morris in doubles.

The women's track and field team sprinted to a third consecutive conference championship behind Coach of the Year Stan Soper. Junior Myra Simpson became MWC's second national individual champion in any sport, winning the NCAA Outdoor Long Jump competition. She was also a triple jump All-American, both indoors and outdoors. Simpson was also the recipient of an Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar Award. The men's track team finished a close second at CACs, with Jon Gates winning two individual titles in distance events.

A young, inconsistent softball team burst into glory at tournament time, win-

Junior Myra Simpson became MWC's second individual national champion in any sport when she won the NCAA Division III long jump competition in May. Simpson was also an indoor and outdoor triple jump All-American in '95-'96, and was named CAC Women's Track and Field Athlete of the Year for the second straight time, helping MWC to a third straight team title. Myra was also an Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar last year.

Junior Jin Wong, a Third-Team All-American, ranked first in the CAC in stolen bases (fourth nationally) and in batting average in leading MWC baseball to a 22-10 overall record.

ning three games handily over its opponents to take a fourth CAC crown in six years. Freshman Meredith Gompf was named All-CAC and All-State, and Dee Conway was chosen as CAC Coach of the Year. Women's lacrosse (11-4) tied a school single-season victory record and finished with a final national ranking of #13. Senior Eliza Huber — MWC's Female Co-Scholar Athlete of the Year and the team's top scorer — was a First-Team All-American, while defender Amy Halter made the Second Team. Senior Jen Wassif and junior Inga Fredland were Academic All-Americans.

In baseball, junior Jin Wong finished fourth nationally in stolen bases (1.16/game; school-record 37 total) and became a Third-Team All-American outfielder for the 22-10 Eagles. In men's tennis (8-4 record), senior Eric Geshekter became a CAC doubles champion for the fourth straight year, teaming with Brad Burch for the #2 title. The riding team finished fourth in its 17-team region, with junior Faith Ann Love and sophs Melissa Finke and Amy Ryder qualifying for Zone Finals, after top-four finishes at Regionals.

Vince Benigni, sports information director at MWC for the last eight years, has received a Ph.D. assistantship in the Peabody Awards Office at the University of Georgia.

Ethel Armstrong

Frank Gilmore

Ruth Bonner Grosskopf

Bill Lohr

Deb Reid

FIVE TO BE INDUCTED INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

Five former standout student-athletes will be inducted into the charter class of the Mary Washington College Athletic Hall of Fame. The inductees will be honored Oct. 18 at the inaugural Hall of Fame Banquet, which kicks off MWC's Homecoming festivities. The 1982 AIAW (Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) National Champion women's tennis team will also be honored. It was the first of three tennis teams to win national titles; head coach and athletic director Dr. Edward H. Hegmann also led MWC to NCAA crowns in 1988 and 1991.

Ethel Armstrong '63 was a member of four Southeast All-Star and four Tidewater All-Star field hockey teams at MWC. Following graduation, she played on a number of national and international squads. She also was active in basketball, riding and synchronized swimming at MWC. A 1959 graduate of Manheim Township (Pa.) High School, Ethel has two children, Cristina, 18, and Lauren, 10, and five step-children. She now resides in Easton, Md.

Frank Gilmore '84 was an All-South Atlantic Region center in men's basketball. He is MWC's all-time leading rebounder (1,180), and is second in scoring (1,544 points). He ranked among the nation's top 10 Division III rebounders in three straight seasons, with 13.3 rpg in 1981-82, 11.2 in 1982-83 and 12.7 in 1983-84. Gilmore paced MWC to its first two winning seasons (16-10 in 1981-82 and 15-11 in 1982-83). He was an All-State selection in 1983-84. A 1980 graduate of Good Counsel (Md.) High School, Gilmore resides in Burke, Va., with his wife, Karen, and two children, Haley, 6, and Katie, 3.

Ruth Bonner Grosskopf '85 was an inside force in women's basketball. She hauled in 1,368 (13.7/game) career rebounds, fifth in NCAA Division III history and first in the state. She grabbed a state-record 34 boards in a win over Chowan College in 1984-85. An All-Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and All-State choice in 1984-85, Grosskopf led MWC to a state title in 1981-82 and an ECAC regional title in 1984-85. MWC also made ECAC appearances in 1982-83 and 1983-84. Grosskopf scored 1,130 points (fifth in MWC career annals), and helped MWC to a 67-35 record in her four years. A 1981 graduate of Avonworth (Pa.) High School, Ruth and husband Bill now reside in Fredericksburg. They have two children, Ian, 2, and Nathan, 1.

Bill Lohr '86 is the all-time leading scorer (58 goals/18 assists/134 points; sixth in the state) in MWC's men's soccer history. He became Mary Washington's first male All-American in 1984. Lohr was a four-time All-State (Player of the Year in 1984) and All-Region selection. MWC went 24-9-6 in his final two years, with a state co-championship in 1984, and the program's first NCAA Tournament trip in '85. A 1981 graduate of Hayfield(Va.) High School, Bill and wife Edith have two children, Roger, 6, and Carley, 2, and live in Fredericksburg.

Deb Reid '82 was MWC's first All-American (1981), in her senior year as a defender in field hockey. She also ranks sixth on MWC's all-time women's lacrosse scoring list with 119 points (101 goals/18 assists), and was named All-State three times. In 1980, MWC finished ninth at AIAW nationals in field hockey in a 14-10 season. The Eagles then went 15-4 in '81. MWC finished among the top five in the state in all four lacrosse seasons. Reid was a four-year starter in both sports. A 1978 graduate of Fairfax (Va.) High School, she still calls Fairfax home.

NOTE: To be eligible for induction, a former student-athlete must have graduated from MWC no later than 10 years prior to the induction year. MWC coaches and administrators are also eligible.

Students Return to Campus

Moving-in days in August are always exciting, especially for freshmen, but for returnees as well. Family members are everywhere, helping with the physical work and adding laughter and emotional support, too!

Student Awards

PSYCHOLOGY

Under the direction of Steve R. Hampton, associate professor of psychology, MWC students Katie Burke and Jill McDaniel, both of Springfield, Va., and Lisa Prillaman of Ridgeway, Va., took first place at the Virginia Psychological Association's annual convention for their paper, "The Effects of Congruency on Relational Judgments Based on Campus Geography."

DEBATE

Two teams of Mary Washington College debaters qualified to compete in the recently held National Debate Tournament, marking the fifth time in the last six years that debaters from the College have earned a spot at this prestigious event.

English major Adam Lurie of Oradell, N.J., and freshman partner Eric Grynaviski of Alexandria, Va., made up one of the two MWC teams that joined 72 other debate teams from across the nation at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., for the 50th annual tournament. Jennifer Bowman of Laurel Fork, Va., an English major, and Mary Sahami of Chesapeake, Va., an international affairs major, formed the second MWC team.

ART

Pamela Rinehart of Herndon received the Alfred Levitt Scholarship at Mary Washington College during ceremonies at the opening reception of the Annual Student Art Exhibition. The $5,000 scholarship was among 22 awards presented by the Art Department. The award is given to an outstanding student in drawing or painting who shows great promise as a developing artist.

FOUR BRAVE WOMEN

MWC hosts many excellent speakers, some deeply affecting their audiences. Julia Alverez was one of those.

BY LIZ GORDON

One of the first questions asked of MWC's Women's History Month keynote speaker Julia Alvarez was why she, a creative writing teacher from Middlebury College in Vermont, decided to write about life in the Dominican Republic.

Alvarez' Latino eyes flash as she tells how her family fled the island in 1960 to escape the wrath of dictator Raphael Leonides Trujillo. And, how, at the age of 10, she discovered an article in *Time* magazine about the three beautiful Mirabal sisters, murdered because they decided to remain on the island and aid the underground movement against Trujillo.

"The story of the murdered ladies haunted me," she says, preparing the audience for her slide collection. Click — a resplendent slide of Trujillo festooned with medals and ribbons. Click — a cameo of the beautiful women he tortured, then ordered killed. Click — the brambled cliff their car plunged over. Click — the silver chassis memorial standing in the surviving sister's front yard.

The compelling article sparked a desire in Alvarez to write a non-fiction book about the sisters, whose singular code name was The Butterflies. Then she found Dedé, the fourth Mirabal sister, and decided fiction would be a much better medium.

"During my visits to the Dominican Republic, I began to talk to The Butterflies in my head — or they began to talk to me. I invented them realizing only fiction could capture the beauty and terror of their lives. Then all I had to do was follow the facts and connect the dots," she says, turning on the overhead lights.

Her first novel, *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*, hailed her as one of our most promising new Latino writers. Now, translated into Spanish, *In the Time of the Butterflies* was nominated for the 1995 National Book Critics Award.

The anniversary of the sisters' murder is commemorated as the International Day Against Violence Towards Women.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Mehdi Aminrazavi, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, is the author of an article published recently in the *Routledge History of World Philosophies*, edited by Seyyed Hossein Nasr and Oliver Leaman. His article, "Persia," is about Islamic philosophy in the modern Islamic world. He also presented two papers at a conference at the State University of New York in Binghamton: "Women as Philosophers in Islam," and "Reduction of Qualitative Concepts into Quantitative Terms in Post Avicennan Cosmologies." The conference, Global and Multicultural Dimensions of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy and Social Thought, was sponsored by the Institute of Global Cultural Studies.

Jack E. Bales, reference and bibliographic instruction librarian, presented a lecture at Illinois College titled "The Joyous Burdens of a Writer." The lecture was part of Illinois College's sesquicentennial observance of their Phi Alpha Literary Society. Bales is a 1973 graduate of Illinois College.

Jenifer L. Blair, associate dean for admissions at Mary Washington College, attended the National Association of College Admissions Counselors conference. Blair is on the executive board of the Potomac and Chesapeake Chapter and serves as a delegate to the national assembly.

Timothy P. Duffy, adjunct lecturer in the Department of History and American Studies, is the author of an article published in the March issue of the *New England Quarterly*: "The Gender of Letters: Charles Eliot Norton and the Decline of the Amateur Intellectual Tradition."

Alison A. Gauch, assistant dean for admissions and financial aid, has been elected vice president of the Virginia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers. She also was elected co-chair of the State Committee on Transfer, which works to improve the transition of students in Virginia from two-year to four-year institutions.

Roy F. Gratz, professor of chemistry, received a Summer Faculty Fellowship from the American Society for Engineering Education. He spent 10 weeks at the Naval Air Warfare Center in China Lake, Calif., working on the synthesis of new monomers for electro-optic polymers. Electro-optic polymers are organic materials that can be used to manipulate light and can be integrated with semiconductor electronics and fiber-optic transmission lines. Eventually, they could have an impact on telecommunications, optical signal processing, computing and data storage.

Rosemary Ingham, costume designer and shop supervisor in the Department

THE FREDERICKSBURG FORUM

October 28

"Political Satire in Song"
Mark Russell
Satirist and Musician
8:00 p.m. Dodd Auditorium
For tickets and information call
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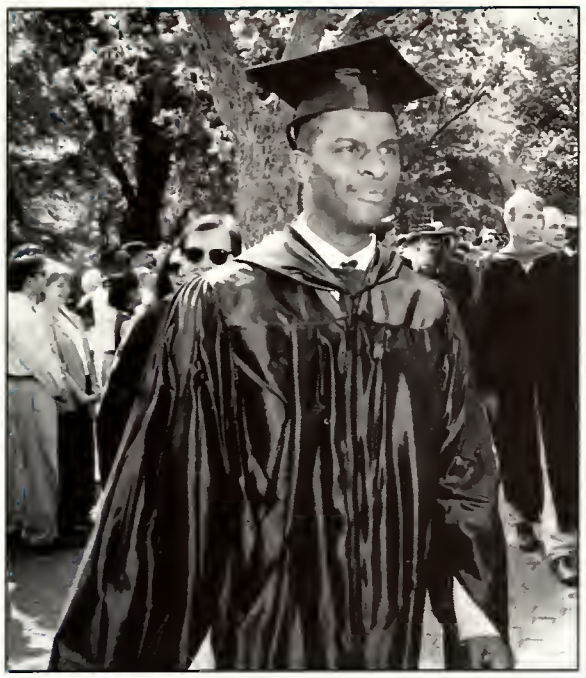


William Henry Lewis

of Theatre and Dance, presented a paper, "Aristotle's Poetics and the Theatrical Event," at a joint meeting in Charlottesville of the Virginia Council for the Humanities and the Virginia Conference of The Book.

Margaret A. Klayton, associate professor of business administration, presented a talk on "Marketing Group Affiliation" at the Virginia Marketing Educators Association at the Darden School of Commerce of the University of Virginia. She also delivered a paper at the Business and Marketing Education Conference on "Classroom Dynamics and Segmentation" at East Carolina University. Klayton, elected as a director for the International Telecommuting Advisory Council, attended a transition meeting of the former and new board members in Las Vegas, Nev.

William Henry Lewis, assistant professor of English, received a $5,000 Individual Artist Fellowship for creative writers from the Commonwealth of Virginia Commission of the Arts. Fellowship recipients are chosen by the commission based on the recommendation of an advisory panel of leaders in fiction and poetry. Lewis also participated in "The Everyperson in Art and Literature: A Workshop for Writers" as a writer and workshop leader at the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, D.C.

Patricia L. Metzger, professor of business administration, spoke on "Honoring the Public Trust Requires Accountants to Make Revisions in Ethical Standards," at the American Accounting Association Mid-Atlantic meeting. At the Society of Educators and Scholars annual meeting, she spoke on "Shaping the Future: The Role of Education." Metzger gave a talk at the Partnership for Service Learning Annual International Conference on "Involving the Adult Learner in Service Learning." At the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences, she spoke on "Redefining the Instructor's Roles to Better Meet the Needs of Adult Learners." Metzger was also appointed to the Litigation Services Committee of the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Denis Nissim-Sabat, professor of psychology, is the author of "The American Psychological Association's Initiatives in the Former Soviet Union: Where Do We Go from Here?" His article is included in the book *Post-Soviet Perspectives on Russian Psychology*, published by Greenwood Publishing Co.

Mary W. Pinschmidt, professor of biology, has been chosen as the 1996 recipient of the National Faculty Award from the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs (AGLSP). She was selected for her work in the College's Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree program. The $1,000 award is given to one faculty member in the country each year who "exemplifies the qualities of interdisciplinary liberal learning," as described in letters from fellow faculty members and former students. Dr. Pinschmidt was chosen for her significant participation in teaching, mentoring and advising students and for her service to the faculty in the M.A.L.S. program.

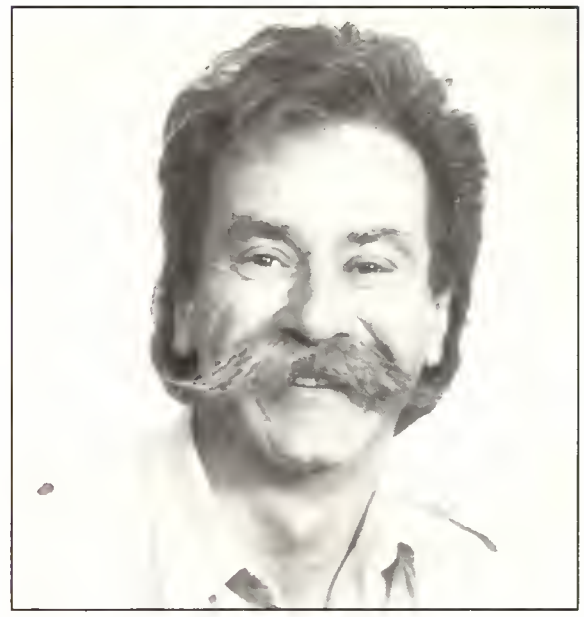
Martin A. Wilder Jr., vice president for admissions and financial aid, attended the annual conference of the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC). Wilder served as chief teller for the conference, which was attended by more than 3,300 college, university and high school counselors. In addition, Wilder serves on the executive board of the Potomac and Chesapeake Chapter of NACAC as chair of the Admission Practices Committee and recently has been appointed to a two-year term on the National Admission Practices Committee. The committee is responsible for education activities related to, and the monitoring of, the association's code of ethical conduct, the Statement of Principles of Good Practice.

Grant R. Woodwell, associate professor of geology, was selected by the National Science Foundation to serve as a review panel member in 1996. Woodwell is a member of the Instrumentation and Laboratory Improvement Program panel, which reviews grant proposals seeking NSF support for major laboratory instruments.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

April

The Mary Washington College Police Office hosted its annual fund-raising drive for the Virginia Special Olympics... Charles S. Prebish spoke on "New Approaches to the Development of American Buddhism." Prebish is associate professor of religious studies at Pennsylvania State University...In April and June, the Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center (RRSBDC) at Mary Washington College held its "Steps To Starting Your Own Business" seminar. It also offered its Microbusiness Training Program, a seven-module course that guides participants through the process of preparing a formal written business plan for strategic planning and/or financing a small business...Holocaust survivor George S. Pick spoke in Recognition of Jewish Awareness Week...The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra's final performance of the 1995-96 season featured guest composer and conductor Jacques Marchand, the founder of the Orchestra Symphonique Regional d'Abitibi-Temiscamingue in Quebec...



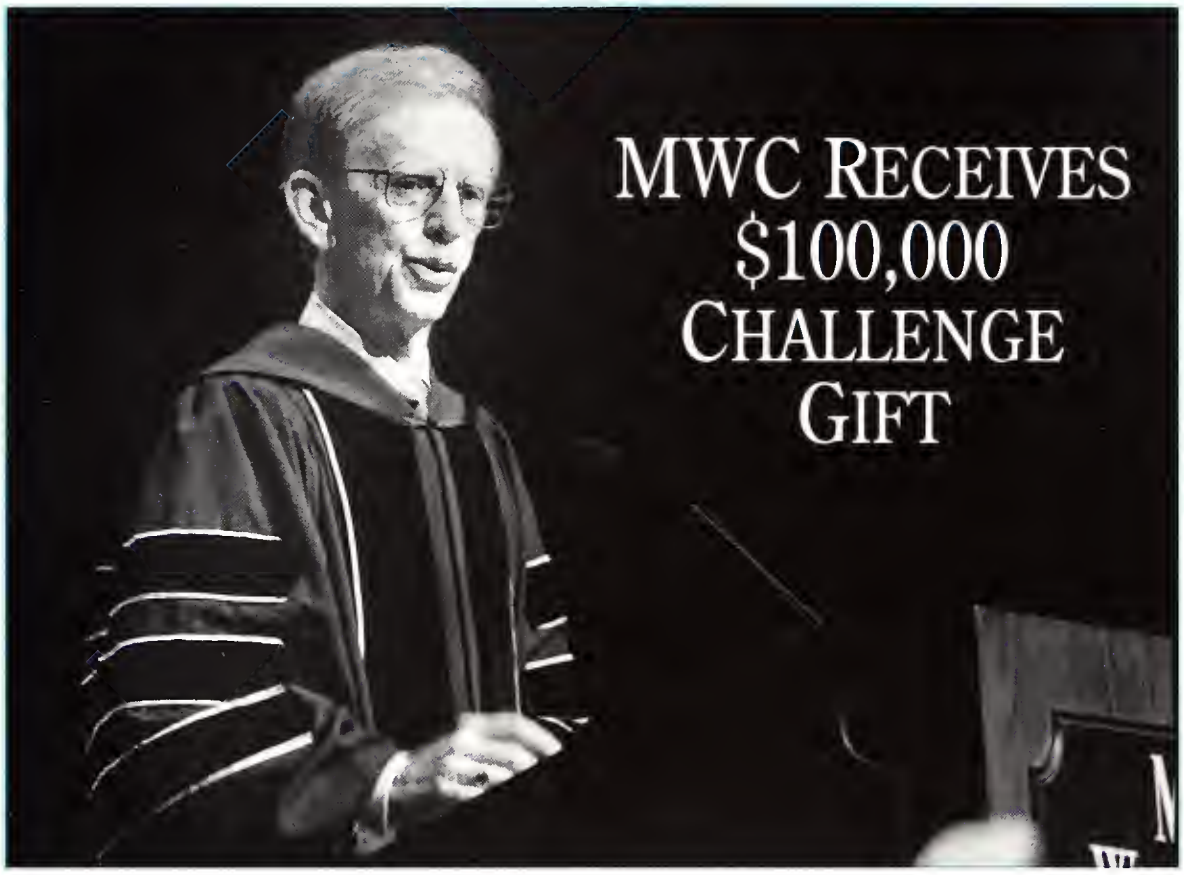
Jacques Marchand

The sixth annual Multicultural Fair, featuring musical entertainment, food and craft vendors, as well as an array of children's activities, was held on Campus Walk...The "Lighter Side XIV" choral concert — which includes members of the Fredericksburg Singers, the MWC Chorus, the show choir Encore, and the a cappella group Symfonics — was held in Dodd Auditorium.

May

The Mary Washington College Center for Instructional Technology offered a three-day conference on technology in the classroom. The conference was open to educators at all levels...The Center for Historic Preservation awarded the Historic Preservation Book Prize to *Gender, Class and Shelter: Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture, V*, edited by Dr. Elizabeth Collins Cromley, chair of the Department of Architecture at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and Dr. Carter L. Hudgins, executive director of the Historic Charleston Foundation. The book is published by University of Tennessee Press.

Alumni News



Florian "Red" Hofer

Mary Washington College has received a generous challenge gift from Florian and Janet Hofer of Warrenton, Va., which will match any new or increased gift to the College's annual fund, up to $100,000, during the 1996-97 campaign.

The challenge, according to Mr. and Mrs. Hofer, is given in recognition of the "exceptional academic experience provided by Mary Washington College" to their daughters, Anna Hofer Vanhoy and Susan Hofer McCarthy.

The Hofer Challenge will establish a restricted endowment, a fund that will remain intact and be invested to create a permanent source of income to encourage academic excellence through the support of faculty and student activities of special merit.

The challenge is the first the College has received, according to Vice President for College Advancement Scott Lyons. "It is particularly valuable to the College because it encourages gifts that provide operating dollars while offering direct support to the College endowment," Lyons explained.

The state provides only about 25 percent of the College's approximately $40 million budget. Student tuition and fees, endowments, and charitable gifts must make up the difference. "As greater strain is placed on traditional sources of revenue, gifts to create endowments become increasingly important to serve as a cushion against government reductions," he said.

The College is in the planning stages of a capital campaign, which will enlist the support of alumni, parents and friends in strengthening Mary Washington's endowment.

Mr. Hofer, also known as "Red," served on MWC's Board of Visitors from 1987 to 1995. During that time he held, at various times, the positions of secretary to the board, member of the executive committee, and rector. He is currently on the board of directors of the Mary Washington College Foundation.

Mr. Hofer is a retired executive vice president for operations of BDM Corporation, a defense contracting consultant firm in McLean, Va.

"We were really excited when we heard about the Hofers' challenge," said Monecia Helton Naggs '88 of the College's advancement staff. "It doubles the impact of any gift. It's so inspiring for other donors. Many colleges have been tremendously successful with this kind of challenge. The Hofer Challenge will make this a year to remember."

GETTING TO KNOW

SCOTT LYONS

VICE PRESIDENT FOR COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT

Q Welcome to Fredericksburg and Mary Washington College. Do you feel you've been here long enough to make any observations about the College and its hometown?

A Definitely. And it didn't take long. I felt that it was a good fit right from the start, and nothing has happened to change my mind. I had never been to Fredericksburg before coming here to discuss the Advancement position, but my wife is a native Virginian. And having worked at Skidmore College, which has a lot

in common with Mary Washington, I felt right at home immediately.

Q What attracted you to Mary Washington in the first place?

A I don't know where to start in answering that one... there's so much. Its history as a women's college told me Mary Washington would have a nurturing environment and a strong sense of community. The Honor Code and Statement of Community Values lend credence to that assumption.

The College has an outstanding faculty and a highly selective admissions posture. That, by the way, is not to be taken for granted at a time when many liberal arts colleges are struggling to maintain enrollments. Also, Fredericksburg is thriving economically, and the College has shown itself to be tremendously innovative in addressing all of the changes affecting higher education today.

Q What do you mean by that?

A The Stafford campus is probably the best example. A growing part of the College's mission is to promote economic development and address the educational needs of non-traditional students in the region. Not wanting to alter the Fredericksburg campus's tradition as a residential, liberal arts college, Mary Washington elected to address this need by building a new campus. That decision has preserved the best of the past and provided us maximum flexibility in tailoring our facilities and programs to meet the needs of the future.

Q You used the phrase "a strong sense of community," something I've heard you say many times before. Why is that such a recurring theme for you?

A It's the heart of a college's life as an educational institution... and of my own professional life as well. A liberal arts college is a community of scholars, dedicated to passing on the knowledge of the ages and preparing young people to become fulfilled and productive members of society. When 17- and 18-year-old students leave their homes to enter college, they become members of that community, or family, if you will. And if they're lucky, they sustain their relationships as members of that family throughout their lives.

Q And that's where the Office of College Advancement comes in?

A I hate to think of it in such formalized terms, but I guess you're right. The people in Trench Hill are responsible for nurturing those relationships. They sponsor activities to engage students in the life of the College, they provide the alumni with programs, services and information about their alma mater. And they encourage alumni to make gifts of voluntary service and financial resources that support Mary Washington in addressing its educational mission and sustaining its family.

I'm reminded of a story a Skidmore alumna used to relate when asked why she gave so generously to her college. She told of moving to the city after graduation, where she lived in an eight-story building with one antiquated elevator. It was very slow, so the people in the building — her community — developed an unspoken practice of sending the elevator down for the next person after reaching their own destinations. That's what we're about in Trench Hill, reminding people that they should send the elevator back down for the next generation.

Q And how are the members of Mary Washington's family stacking up in that regard?

A Very well. Volunteerism is alive and well at Mary Washington, particularly in the Fredericksburg alumni chapter. And Cindy Snyder and Ben Hernandez are hard at work developing programs that are expanding chapter activity in major population centers in Virginia and beyond.

The same can be said for philanthropy. With a 30 percent alumni participation rate, Mary Washington's Annual Fund is doing twice as well as an average public college or university. The total amount contributed for all purposes by alumni, parents and friends in 1995-96 exceeded $2 million, the most generous year ever.

Monecia Naggs, Scott Jepson, Jane Hope and the rest of the development staff deserve a lot of credit for that achievement, by the way.

Q As a highly selective liberal arts college, we must compete against some of the most elite private colleges for faculty and students. How do we compare with them in terms of philanthropy?

A We have nothing to be ashamed of. Many of the private schools we compete against can boast alumni participation rates in excess of 40 percent, but we're not far behind. The main difference between them and us is the number of people who have stepped forward to make transforming six-, seven- and eight-figure gifts. But even there, certain of our alumni and friends have demonstrated remarkable leadership in recent years. Alice and Bob Jepson have committed $3 million for the new science center and for faculty salaries, the largest gift in the history of the College. Just this summer, former rector of the board of visitors Red Hofer and his wife, Janet, offered Mary Washington a $100,000 challenge to promote continued academic excellence at the College.

During the past decade, the College's endowment has grown five-fold from $3.1 million to over $15 million. But with present economic uncertainties and increased competition for governmental support, the earnings from this endowment really aren't adequate to provide the stability the College needs as it enters the 21st century.

Q A challenge? How does it work?

A The Hofers will match every new or increased dollar given to the Annual Fund by contributing a like sum to an endowed fund dedicated to enriching the academic environment. Earnings from the Hofer Fund will be used to support special curriculum and faculty development activities, student research projects, special guest lecturers and certain community outreach projects.

Q So the Hofer Challenge will benefit both the Annual Fund and the endowment?

A Yes. That's why it's so important. During the past decade, the College's endowment has grown five-fold from $3.1 million to over $15 million. But with present economic uncertainties and increased competition for governmental support, the earnings from this endowment really aren't adequate to provide the stability the College

R. Scott Lyons and Monecia Helton Naggs '89 at Trench Hill.

needs as it enters the 21st century. That's why the Annual Fund is more critical than ever. In fact, the Annual Fund should be thought of as Mary Washington's "living endowment," creating financial stability through the regular contributions of the College's alumni, parents and friends. To the extent that Annual Fund contributions become predictable and keep pace with inflation, they give Mary Washington the financial resilience its endowment can't yet provide. For example, if the Hofer Challenge succeeds in increasing Annual Fund receipts by $100,000, it will have the same effect as if the endowment were to grow by another $2 million — to the $17 million level.

Q But what does the Annual Fund provide? Why does it make such a big difference?

A These funds support critical elements of the College's operation — faculty development, student scholarships, student-life activities, learning enhancements like field work and visiting lecturers. Other private contributions go to finance student-faculty research, purchases of computer software, instructional equipment and library materials. Private giving provides the margin of excellence that is so important to the Mary Washington experience.

Maybe some comparative figures would be helpful here. Among the private colleges we consider our peers, there are some that receive as much as 25 percent of their academic budgets from endowment. Others receive more than 10 percent from the Annual Fund. And there are some that can support 35-55 percent of their academic budgets from those two sources combined. As a public college, we've achieved some degree of parity through state assistance. But with increasing competition for shrinking governmental resources, we can't count on maintaining that parity. That's why growth in the endowment and annual giving are so important to Mary Washington's future. And we're not talking about some abstract gains in the distant future. These funds are used as they come in, and their impact is therefore immediate and tangible.

Q Mary Washington's budget is described as being "tuition driven." What does that mean?

A To a degree that can be worrisome, we depend on tuition and fees for the great bulk of our operating budget — nearly 75 percent. This makes Mary Washington uncomfortably vulnerable in a time of increased sensitivity to prices. It means that each year we must watch our budget much more carefully than many of our peers. It puts us at risk of becoming less accessible to students who depend upon public education as their means to living satisfying and productive lives. It means that we simply have less leeway for creativity in pursuing new opportunities than we would like.

Q Historically, men's colleges have done extremely well in raising money from their alumni. Mary Washington was a women's college for so long. What, if anything, does that mean for fund raising here?

A We often hear that women don't give as much as men. But our own alumni participation rate puts the lie to that bit of so-called conventional wisdom. Besides, some of the top institutions in terms of philanthropy are or were women's colleges — Wellesley, Smith, Mount Holyoke and Vassar. Given the strength of Mary Washington's alumnae, we believe we can do equally well. One critical factor here is spousal equity in giving decisions — particularly when it comes to those transforming gifts I mentioned earlier. We should also remember that we've been coed for a quarter-century. Male donors are an important part of our picture, as well.

Q We are all bombarded by requests for money from schools, hospitals, environmental groups, social service organizations, churches. Why does higher education — and Mary Washington College in particular — merit a significant share of our philanthropic dollar?

A What we're talking about is the education and training of future leaders — the people who will make our communities thrive, the people who will work positive change in the world. We must have leaders who are thoughtful, who ask hard questions, who know how to find the answers to those questions, who can inspire others. These are abilities that are honed by a liberal arts education. Mary Washington College has excelled in serving this function.

Through our college we not only impart knowledge, we pass our system of values on to the next generation. Mary Washington is truly unique. It offers the finest in personalized, liberal arts education at a cost that is accessible to all qualified students.

The College has gone through many changes since its founding in 1908. We can no longer rely on the state to maintain the quality and accessibility that have been such critical components of Mary Washington's success. Today it's up to the alumni, parents and friends to provide the margin of excellence that will enable us to continue our high standards of service to the Commonwealth and our country. And I know they will. As I said at the outset, there's a strong sense of community here.

Sound Investments

BY LIZ GORDON

"If you are a person who likes to shop, don't move to Los Alamos, New Mexico," says Carolyn Foy Trela '58. "But if your first priority is education and family values, start packing."

Carolyn, a speech and language pathologist for Los Alamos schools, says education has always been the number-one priority for people who live on this historic, pine-covered mesa 35 miles northwest of Santa Fe.

One of the first chronicles on the area came from Adolph Bandelier, a German ethnologist, after conducting an exhaustive anthropological study on the cliff houses carved by the Anasazi Indians who farmed the area below the mesa from 1100 to 1550. Then in 1918, another admirer, Ashley Pond, developed an exclusive ranch for wealthy Eastern and Midwestern boys, "where they could become robust, learned men." The Los Alamos Boys Ranch's motto — a sound mind and a healthy body — emblazoned on a banner, led commencements on horseback for almost 25 years.

It was recalling a childhood visit to Los Alamos that led Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the director of the Manhattan Project, to choose the mesa as the ideal, secluded spot to create the atomic bomb. From 1943 until 1955, the only mesa residents were U.S. Army personnel, federal employees and internationally known scientists and their families. No one passed the guardhouse on the narrow twisting road up and down the mountain without showing some sort of identification. The Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) still attracts the best minds in the country but has shifted its priorities to health research, environmental studies and the quest for energy sources.

Carolyn wasn't sure, when she and husband Walter, a physicist at LANL, moved to Los Alamos from the San Francisco, Stanford University area, that she would like being so cloistered from the rest of the world. But now she is. Some of the advantages of living in "God's country" are obvious to nature lovers: dusty red canyons crawling with coyotes, lofty pines every few feet, and postcard sunsets. When asked about any drawbacks, she looks surprised, then turns to the teachers and parent volunteers crowding the hallway at Aspen Elementary, where she is working today, and asks them. They look equally perplexed. One woman cocks her head and says, "Well, I guess if you are in a hurry to get down the mountain road, and there is a traffic jam from commuters leaving the laboratory to go home to Santa Fe, then maybe..."

When the Trelas find time to relax, they have a year 'round calendar of events to choose from: fly-fishing, white-water rafting, snow-skiing, or cycling. Rock-climbing and mountaineering are always options in this high desert land.

Carolyn's degrees from MWC and Stanford University prove how qualified she is to help verbally challenged children learn to communicate better. But nothing prepares you for how well-liked she is unless it's a young girl popping up behind her, grabbing her around the waist and pleading, "Can I please come visit you today?"

Carolyn looks off into the distance, beyond the archery target wedged between two regal pines, and up toward snow-spattered Mt. Pajarito. "This really isn't her day to come visit me," Carolyn says, winking. "But I do owe her a sticker." Seems as though cartoon and animal stickers pass for gold stars nowadays.

Carolyn forgets to mention receiving her "gold star" in 1986 — the Distinguished Educator Award from the Los Alamos chapter of the University of New Mexico Association. But somehow one senses the covenant she has with her students, both the gifted and the challenged.

Two students, twin boys named Nik and Ben, live quite happily without television. "They read an awful lot of books," she whispers, before asking the boys which educational game they wish to play for today's lesson. "And you can really see the difference in their reading ability."

A few other families from Aspen Elementary also do without television, but that's not the only unusual thing about children who attend this forward-looking school. The most wonderful of which hits you in the face once you step inside the rolling-ranch style building. It's quiet! Ear-deafening quiet because the students, sitting calmly where they are supposed to, are actually listening to the teacher.

Oh sure, occasionally one will hear a hearty group laugh revealing that everyone caught the joke, but then it's back to the business of learning. Children who need extra help meet in the halls outside their classrooms with other teachers and parents who have volunteered to tutor. These casually dressed educators with their backs up against pint-sized lockers, get in all sorts of contorted positions just to get on eye level with their littlest students.

Meanwhile, Carolyn, waiting for the next child to knock at her classroom door, talks to me about the New Mexican culture that surrounds the mesa. "Native American and Spanish cultures are so positive," she says, playing with a dangling turquoise-and-silver braided bracelet. "They bring so much to be admired. So much art, and art is nurturing."

Everything on the mesa is nurturing — the mountains, the varied cultures, and, most assuredly, this special teacher from MWC's Class of '58.

Liz Gordon highlights alumni around the country for the Office of Publications at MWC.

Class Notes

Devil and Goat Notes

1929

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1931

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The 1996 reunion has come and gone! It was shocking to find just two of our 1931 class there for our 65th reunion. As your class agent for such a long period of time, and for all the phone calls and notes sent, it was quite natural to be disappointed.

Nevertheless, the two who attended had a great time. **Mabel McGuinness** and **Kathryn Gallagher Spirito** made the best of the situation. Mabel always brings along her album and photos. We had fun looking through the book. Also, Mabel's great sense of humor and her "up" attitude keeps her friends in a jovial mood.

I really felt a sense of parting as being too soon, and hope to see Mabel again. Jo Schaun, accompanied me in driving down to MWC. Mabel sent me two copies of each photo she took of Jo and me. Great to have them for remembrance of our 1996 Reunion.

Please write. Otherwise we will just be a space in the issues of *MWC TODAY.* Also, do continue to be generous to the MWC annual fund. Many thanks to each of you.

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Mary Virginia Willson
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1936

Ethel Nelson Wetmore
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We extend a great big "thank you" to **Frances Liebenow Armstrong** for all the hard work she put into our 60th reunion. Frances still works part time at the College.

On Friday we were guests of the MWC Alumni Association at a luncheon at Brompton, home of President and Mrs. William M. Anderson Jr. Present were Dr. Alvey, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, Scott Lyons (vice president of college advancement), Frances and husband Sidney Armstrong, **Vernie Blankenship Knight** and husband "Bus," **Arline Wade Winn** and husband Julian, **Lucy Mae Copley Scott, Stewart Jones, Ruby Lee Norris, Sue Dupriest Spencer, Dorothy McGuire Bunch** and son Bill, **Adelle Mansfield Goodwin** and son Bob, and **Ethel Nelson Wetmore. Mary Mason** planned to come, but was hospitalized in Fredericksburg due to a stroke. Mrs. Dodd was ill and unable to come.

The luncheon was presented so beautifully, and it was as good as it looked. **Mary Alice Turman Carper** arrived afterwards and stayed for all the other events. **Page Whitehead Hladky** arrived on Saturday. In the afternoon there was a Golden Society tea, and later Dr. and Mrs. Anderson welcomed alumni to a reception, the "Rose Garden Welcome," in Brompton. This was followed by a buffet dinner at Seacobeck. The twilight tour of Belmont was particularly memorable with the presence of a full moon.

I appreciate the help I have had writing this column.

From Stewart Jones:

It was Saturday, June 1, 1996, and morning had broken. There would not be loitering on campus if the Goats of 1936 planned to attend one of the Reunion College classes. They did, and then made their voluntary trek to the scheduled room in Monroe, Chandler (known nostalgically to them as the training school), or the library to hear, respectively, Bill Atalay's "Greatest Englishman Ever," Bill Crawley's explanation of "The South's Unintended Revolution," or Jack Bales' "Introduction to Simpson Library."

Later, there was another set of classes in which Bill Atalay, by means of pictures and his own sketches, guided his "students" through historic Oxford and the beautiful English countryside, and Forrest McGill gave a tour of the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. Meanwhile, a computer network demonstration was in progress at Trinkle.

Of course, the "girls" could take advantage of a guided tour of the campus to see the half-century changes, but they seemed to know their way around and opted for class picture-taking and lunch. And what a beautiful setting for both! While the fountain played, Monroe Hall, Frances Willard and Virginia looked benignly on their "children" as they said "cheese" for the photographer and then enjoyed a delicious lunch under the trees, which had become somewhat larger since the May Court days in the same setting.

Each of the '36ers certainly planned to attend the concert for "Mrs. A" (Frances Liebenow Armstrong) in Mary Ball, beautifully played by pianist Dick Miller, vice president for business and finance. He introduced the music with a selection from the Beatles and closed with the theme from Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." There was also a sing-along of "Morning Has Broken," and although voices may not have been particularly spirited at that hour of the afternoon, there was participation in singing.

So after punch and cookies and picture-taking, there was a business meeting in which **Scott Harris,** an MWC graduate and now historian of the MWC Alumni Association, recorded the audience's reminiscences of the era of Mrs. Bushnell, the daisy chain, and the "peanut" secret pal program.

There would still be time left in the day for some rest and freshening-up before the MWC Foundation Reception, the Reunion Banquet and "The Last Hurrah."

From Mary Alice Turman Carper:

It was very special to have Dr. Alvey and Ethel, Ruby Lee, Frances and husband Sidney, and me, for the reunion dinner in the Great Hall. Also with us was **Monecia Helton Naggs** '88, director of community and organizational development; she gave us new insights into the diverse opportunities the College program now offers. Being members of the Golden Society, we were honored by being first in line for the delicious buffet dinner.

Dr. Alvey was recognized for his upcoming birthday on June 13, his 93rd. His alertness is phenomenal. We shared with him his emotional appreciation when recognized, and told of the continuing contributions to the scholarship fund established by our class in his honor in 1986.

A highlight of the program was viewing a videotape of people and activities at the College through the years. After the delicious dinner and interesting program, the younger alumni gathered at the Eagles Nest for a "Last Hurrah." However, I believe many of the Golden Society joined me in saying "goodnight" for the evening.

A special thanks should go to Ethel Nelson Wetmore for having been our class agent through the years and keeping us all in touch.

Thank you Mary Alice; it has been good for me to serve as class agent.

It was a beautiful weekend — a far cry from the 100-degree heat we had in 1991 at our 55th reunion. The campus is one of the most beautiful in our entire country.

Our class gift in 1976 to the college was a painting by Barclay Sheaks, a renowned artist, titled "Summer Afternoon." Barclay's wife, **Edna Daniel Sheaks,** is a member of our class. The painting is hanging at Brompton. Dr. Alvey's portrait, our class gift in 1986, is in George Washington Hall.

Ruby Lee Norris writes:

For several years I've been the gardening columnist for *Pleasant Living* magazine, a Middle Peninsula bimonthly publication. Since retirement I've pursued a lifetime interest in gardening. Now my garden consists mainly of perennials like irises, chrysanthemums, peonies, roses, strawberries, asparagus and some herbs (sage, thyme, rosemary and French tarragon). Now I write about people who are specialists. There have been columns about daffodil and daylily growers in Gloucester, about herbalists in Middlesex as well as the use of winter greens in the home and about wildflowers in the area. It is fun and work at the same time, but very satisfying.

My only niece is a Levi Corporation executive living in London. In November, along with my son, my oldest grandson and I visited her. Among many happy discoveries, we found Leeds Castle in Maidstone and took a trip from London through the English Channel tunnel to Paris.

From Ethel Nelson Wetmore:

Page still travels a lot. Vernie's grandson, Matthew Knight, is an Echols Scholar at the University of Virginia.

We met so many lovely people. Among them was **Ruth Phipps Wetzel** '46, sister of our classmate, **Lois Phipps Brown**.

William Owen, son of **Dorothy Bevard Owen** '37, founded Chorale Delaware, still the only fully professional choral society in the state. He has been organist and choirmaster at Christ Church, Wilmington, for 14 years. He is a former Fulbright scholar, trained and educated at Bowdoin College, Yale, Harvard and the Vienna State Academy of Music.

As we did in 1991, Ruby Lee and I roomed together at the Hampton Inn. She writes: "Again we shared a wonderful time together at our dear MWC. I'll have enough spectacular memories to last a long time. Are you recalling the wonderful food, conversations, beautiful green campus, and full moon as I am?"

We missed you if you were not with us. How about writing me some news for our next column?

1937

Elizabeth Haley Glass
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The first note of 1996 came from **Frances Kirkwood** from White Stone, Va., saying that she had moved to this area in September 1995 from Washington, D.C. She lives near **Marjorie Wooton** '36 and sees her often. Frances and her sister, **"Jingles" Browning** '54 live together, and Jingles teaches school in the nearby town of Saluda. Frances would like to hear from you MWC "girls." Her address is: Box 3425-Rt. #1, White Stone, VA 22578.

I had a nice visit with **Virginia Northam Deitrick** at her home in Tappahannock, Va., in February, when Forrest and I drove there from Florida for my brother's funeral. Virginia is confined to her bed most of the time, but seems happy and bright — has her same cheerful disposition. Her husband, John, takes wonderful care of her. I was impressed with their living/dining room overlooking the Rappahannock River, where John serves their meals. It was a lovely setting filled with mementos of their many years spent together.

Olivia Kearns Clarke is deep into her genealogy work. She and her daughter spent a week in Richmond doing research in the library and at the Virginia Historical Society. Olivia has a profound interest in biblical literature and spends much of her time working in these two areas. She reports that her health is greatly improved now.

Lucy Head Trimm called soon after the last news deadline to say that she and Milton were all right and had survived the '96 Virginia blizzards! Surely some of you remember the winter of '34 when the snow was almost knee deep on campus, and the heat was in short supply in Monroe Hall!

Katherine Burgess Robertson's daughter wrote a letter telling me of her mother's death from Alzheimer's disease. It would be difficult to find anyone more loyal to MWC than Katherine. Our heartfelt condolence is extended to her family.

This issue of *MWC TODAY* contains news from both Goats and Devils. The next issue, the winter issue, will have Goat news only, as you know. So, do write me a lot before Christmas for our deadline on January 15. This will be printed in the summer issue. It will have Devils only and should be our "big thing."

I am so anxious to have a lot of us on campus for the reunion of '97. Please, do plan to come. Can you believe that it was 60 years ago when we said good-bye to each other after graduation? I will be sending you a reminder about our 60th reunion in the spring. Be sure to come if you can, as this will likely be our last fling!

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Helen P. Voris
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Note from **Mary Jack Clary Brooks** mentions trips to Nevada to see daughter Julie, to Nova Scotia, to Branson (though she says she doesn't care for the country music), through the Panama Canal, taking in various islands and flying home to Florida from Mexico. Her three grandsons keep tabs on her as do her children. Classmates **Alice Rife Wilson** and **Jean Plante McCullough** correspond. Her health continues good after a successful knee replacement.

Nina Everton Seager writes from Portsmouth that she now is a widow. Her three sons and five grandchildren, one of whom is in law school at William and Mary, keep in touch. Great-grandchildren are beginning to make their appearance. She stays busy with church activities, and knits baby caps for newborns; her health remains good. Her oldest daughter-in-law is an MWC graduate, Class of '65.

1939

Nancy Herr Fallen
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A few letters, a few more phone calls and a visit with friends have helped me gather some news for you. I cherish my contacts with each of you, but my job would be easier and you'd be better informed if you'd mail me a card telling me about a recent trip, a casual meeting with an MWC graduate or even how you prefer to spend your time. Try it. I'll like it, and I bet you will too.

Louise Harris Massie, her husband, Quintus, and I finally made our trip to Blacksburg to see friends we worked with in Charlotte County many years ago — 57 for her, 55 for me. I had worked in Loudoun County immediately after we graduated. We try to see those friends once a year, but this time we were about six months late.

A week before our trip, Louise was hostess to another annual event — a three-day mini-reunion of MWC friends. From her, I learned that **Doris Stagg Pruden** had a bad fall and is still dependent on a cane to help her walk safety. **Mary Helsabeck Townsend** has health problems, but they didn't keep her from attending. **Elizabeth Alexander Howdershell** is well, and **Myrtis Hall O'Sullivan** is the traveler in the group. I was invited to that mini-reunion but my health nuisances kept me at home.

Doris O'Brien Dingeldein sent the promised follow-up letter after our telephone conversation. Her husband was transferred to Ohio in '56. Their married son and daughter have given them four grandchildren. Her son's family lives nearby, and the daughter's family lives on Long Island. Doris says that her traveling and volunteering are slowing down, but that she and her husband have enjoyed both for many years.

In a phone conversation with **Miriam Carpenter Carroll,** we wondered what had happened to some of our classmates. Miriam had tried to call **Helen Hyde Saunders** at her home in California, but learned that the phone had been disconnected. Several different attempts to contact her had failed, so we assumed that she had moved. With assistance from the MWC Alumni Office, we found her — in her home after many years. Only the area code had been changed. My conversation with Helen, the first since she attended a reunion over 16 years ago, was as if I'd talked to her yesterday. She travels often with her sister, enjoys ElderHostel, her home and various church activities. Her most recent trip was to the Panama Canal. Her ElderHostel adventures have included China, Germany, Hawaii, Maine and Oregon. She has a son who is not too far away.

Nice chatty letters from **Elizabeth "Bid" Bodwell Browne and Elizabeth Wilson** are waiting for answers. Elizabeth Wilson and I grew up together in Charlottesville. We still live there in a lovely retirement home. Bid lives with husband Doc in Shakefield, where they have been most of their married life. Doc still relies on a walker or cane, because of a knee replacement operation. He and I welcomed the big snow last winter, since they gave us breaks from physical therapy.

The phone has helped me keep up with **Mildred "Mil" Powell. Helen Downer Hale** visited her recently in a convalescent center and found her to be reasonably content and satisfied, but she still talks about moving back to Gordonsville, Va.

My call caught **Helen Fulman Holloman**

waking from a nap on a rainy day, but our visit was really enjoyable. She is a widow, lives in Savannah, Ga., and has three daughters. Two of them, both widows, live not far away in Hilton Head. The other one resides in Indiana.

Remember Casey (**Katherine Greene Moore)** from our Francis Gillard days? She and husband Bob moved from Amelia to Brandemill Lands when he had a heart attack and needed the medical care provided by a retirement village. Brandemill Lands, in Chesterfield County, has a Richmond address, so they are not too far away. Bob is doing fine now. Both are enjoying their new home.

I leave you with this request: Write soon.

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A precious six gathered on Ball Circle on a beautiful June 1 to celebrate our 55th Homecoming. Much to our disappointment, **June Stoll Artunkal** wasn't able to come due to the illness of her husband. **Josephine Ewing Balzer** reported having a rough winter with several mishaps — contusions, broken ribs and sinus operations. But she's still beautiful and full of fun.

Jamie Redwood Witzel and husband Fritz are in the process of moving South permanently. Their new home will be in Pt. Clear, Alabama. **Arabelle Laws Arrington** looks wonderful and is happy to announce that husband Walter is recovering from open-heart surgery.

Dorothy Day Riley tells us that her mother is 97. She visits her daily. **Eleanor Batschelet Smith**'s year has been spent mainly caring for her husband, Ben, following a poorly executed operation.

Lake Cox Lee has had two knee replacements and is doing well. **Jeanette Cooper Greenberger,** who lives in Hampton, tells us that her daughter is coming to visit with 7-year-old twins. The whole family is going to Charlotte, N.C., for a family reunion.

I have had a great year working with third graders three mornings a week. I'm very impressed with the new ways of education. What a treat to spend time with old friends!

Please write, we *are* interested.

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Bless your hearts, here we are again. It's wonderful how 50th anniversaries come around. Bill and **Mary Frances "Plunk" Knox** came back to Virginia from their home in Minnesota. The golden celebration was May 18. I have no more details, but it must have been great. They are two great people.

Ann Foster Kelleher sent word of "Roommate Renewal 1996." She lunched in Boca Raton, Fla., with **Louise "Bitsy" Cook Cabot** in March. In April, had a longer visit with **Sallie A. Jacob** in Virginia Beach.

Jane Brownley Thomas, happy to see the Maryland winter over, wrote, "Blizzards and unrelenting snowfalls almost did us in. We both had falls and went through therapy." Jane keeps in touch with **Joyce Hovey Madigan** and **Nancy Duval Andrews**, checked on **Marilyn Price Heady** in Florida and reports all to be well.

Jane also had news of **Lois Webber Jackson,** who is moving from Florida back to her native Mass.

Hazel "Tommy" Strong Morris went to Florida for vacation away from the Delaware winter — and ended up in the hospital for knee replacement, followed by four months of recuperation.

Helen Miller Wilson writes, "Life is great at 70+, enjoying retirement, traveling with husband Mark. Summers are spent at the bay in Maryland, winters in or near Naples, Fla." Helen and Mark have an entrepreneur daughter named Sandi, who makes and sells "Sandi's Candies." Do you take orders, Sandi?

Virginia Hawley Butler had a great trip to Spain and Portugal in '95. She looks forward to Charleston, S.C., and Savannah, Ga., in the United States. So far she has visited all 50 states.

Priscilla Crosby Phillips writes she enjoys reading MWC news. Because she lived off campus, she feels "somewhat disconnected" but nevertheless, familiar names do pop up in *MWC TODAY* "bringing back memories." Priscilla and Ernest, through the years, have visited with her Fredericksburg houseparents, who now live in Tennessee. The two couples have a warm and wonderful relationship dating back to MWC days.

Peggy Honeyman House and husband Bob stopped in to see **Anne Marshall Morgan** in Macon, Ga., on their way home from Florida. In May, I, too, plan to visit Anne, our triumphant classmate, who, recently widowed, continues to fight the battle over muscular dystrophy, now without her beloved Wayne. Anne is such an inspiration, a woman of infinite courage and faith in God. Her address is 2573 N. Nancelon Circle, Macon, GA 31204.

Ilva Haynie Doggett writes about winter at Indian Creek and its fairyland appearance of sparkling snow and ice — of visiting waterfowls flying in by the hundreds, snow geese, Canadian geese, ducks and swans affording perfect subjects for her winter home video. Ilva continues: "With the arrival of spring, I'm busy with golf, chairman of the ladies' nine-hole group at our club, consisting of 40 golfers, most over 70."

From **Edie Mays Thomas**: At 70+ "I have found that, like any machine, repairs and fine-tuning keep one in good health. My favorite 'repair' has been lens implantation for cataracts. I am not looking at the world through rose-colored glasses but think I have a much sharper vision of the world around me. Now that may be because of new lens, but it also comes with age."

From **Jean Wade Otto**: "One thing about being 70+ is the respect and help given by sales people and the public in general. I don't mind the senior discount either."

Virginia Morgan Kline did not let eye surgery for detached retina deter her from writing. Difficult as it was, she wrote: "Every day is a new learning experience, isn't it? What a world we're living in. I hope to learn more about the Internet next fall."

Julia Watkins Ameens, reporting her impressive trip to Spain, sponsored by the American Council for International Studies, ended with a laugh line when she quipped, "Physically, according to my passport picture, I never should have gone."

Finding enjoyment being in the 70s, **Gail Nessell Colglazier** credits eight grandchildren and their parents. She and her husband play tennis and work in the yard together. She is in Garden Club, teaching Sunday school and finds life good.

A happy word about big change in lifestyle; **Rebecca Engleman Russell** says, "Moving to a continuing-care retirement community at age 70 put a new spin on this 70s+ business. I'm one of the youngsters here! Two ladies in our apartment building will celebrate their 91st birthdays in a few weeks, shortly before I celebrate my 73rd. Both have beautiful white hair (which they may have had for years) and have given up their automobiles and driving, but both participate in numerous activities and volunteer projects. They board their church bus to attend functions at their downtown church. Every day, weather permitting, they walk a mile or two. So I have new role models now as I join them in bringing cheer to those, many much younger, who cannot see, or hear, or walk, or talk about anything other than multiple ailments."

What's fun about being 70+? **Nettie Evans Lowrey** says, "I don't know about fun, but I am grateful that God has allowed me to still be here on this great earth, and I'm grateful for continued good health. I can say it is fun to have the freedom to go when anyone says, 'Let's do so and so' and the freedom to do a lot of things without time restrictions." Concerning her retirement, there was a good article and picture, which I was privileged to read, in their local paper — all about Nettie — and under the picture these words: A Friend to All. I studied the picture with joy for it looked like someone I knew — grabbed *The Battlefield 1944*, turned to page 78. There she was! The same smile, the same Nettie!

Another tennis buff, **Christine Mae Vasser**, writes, "It's all in the mind as it applies to old age. My husband, 74, and I, 72, play tennis twice a week and are engaged in many activities. Just finished a great class on landscape design, have taken sewing and painting classes at a local college, enjoy traveling, went to Turkey, now planning a South American tour. Of course, all of this could only happen because the Lord has blessed us with good health, for which we are extremely grateful."

Marguerite Lovejoy writing about Maui, with ElderHostel, said this was the highlight of her travels in 1995. She learned all about humpback whales, and Hawaiian history and culture. She is our classmate forever on the move. What will she be studying next, and where?

Another traveler, **Anne Benner Gee** says her favorite pastime is to be on the move, "whether it's a day trip to a musical, play, museum or to a foreign country or somewhere in between. I will continue to roam as long as possible."

Ruth Samuels Legini and husband Ron celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October '95. "Sammie" reminded me that both she and **Elizabeth Cumby Murray** graduated from Blackstone High School. They met several years ago at their high-school class reunion. Both are into the computer world. Sammie writes, "I especially like being online and all that has to offer. I volunteer at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and belong to many garden groups. Gardening is my passion."

It was good to hear from **Sally Gifford Lee.** Sally sang alto in the Carillon Trio our freshman year. Until she retired in 1984, she taught second grade. She now works part time at their local library and directs the church choir. Would love to hear more, Sally.

Merle Updyke Davis reflects on her career as a clinical social worker beginning soon after college in 1944 — now spanning 51 years. She worked in Appalachia, child welfare in Richmond and Arlington, graduate study at Washington U. and Columbia U., attaining her master's degree in 1953.

With a move to California, Merle worked at Langley Porter Neuropsychiatric Institute (a training and research institute), community mental health in Berkeley and established her private practice in psychotherapy.

Now, in her retirement, she asks herself, "Will it be tranquillity or activism?" Merle shares her heart with us, "As I now consider the massive assault on human values and precepts that I have spent my life upholding, I cannot retreat into tranquillity. I ask your support, MWC Class of '44, in standing up for children, youth, families, the aging, the homeless and the mentally ill; taking action wherever you can for preventive approaches in our society to counter the problems which will consume us all if we do not stand up and be counted."

I believe Merle can count on us. Remember Emil Schnellock speaking to us on the dangers of apathy? It was his belief that apathy is our country's greatest sickness.

Nancy Duval Andrews enclosed a letter of thanks from **Christopher Currier.** Christopher is the student recipient of the Class of '44 Memorial Scholarship. Nancy writes, "We now have $136,000 in our endowed scholarship, so we can spend more on the kids. We give 5 percent to the recipient and the remainder for the endowment. That's based on current earnings, which vary with the market."

Thanks, Nancy, for the awesome job you execute so well. Enclosed in her letter was the following "23rd Psalm for Busy People," that is; for those who are "experientially enhanced."

"The Lord is my pace setter, I shall not rush. He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals. He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity. He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of mind, and His guidance is peace. Even though I have a great many things to accomplish this day, I will not fret, for His presence is here, His timelessness, His all-importance will keep me in balance. He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity by anointing my mind with the oils of tranquillity. My cup of joyous energy overflows. Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord and dwell in His house forever." (Toki Miyashina, in *Grace Notes*, Grace Cathedral Church, San Francisco, Diocese of California.)

Keep in touch and we'll have interesting stuff to read; God bless each of you. Thank you, Nettie, for agreeing to be my backup person.

1945

Virginia Gunn Blanton
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Marjorie "Jesse" Storms Reddoch has a new granddaughter! Grandson Rusty Scarbrough married Linda Emrich, May 28th, 1995. Our family has now grown to 17 since our wedding on June 4, 1945. Our 50th anniversary was celebrated by a trip to Calgary and into the beautiful snow-capped Canadian Rockies for two weeks plus an extra week in the Dallas area, visiting daughter Eugenia and family. An annual U.S. Marine reunion of Rusty's K Co., 3rd Div., 9th Marines was held in Mytic, Conn., Sept. 28, 1995. We drove up via Danville, Va., and visited **Zella Spencer** '45, Bob and family in N.J. and Pa. On the way back, we visited the campus and had lunch in the Kenmore Inn with a visit to the Baptist Church across the street, where we were married in June '45. This was a treat since as a student I never had time or funds for such a treat. We missed Dr. Robert Coverlee, who passed away, but saw his handsome oil painting in the lobby of the chapel. Roommates **Lynnie Sheads Appleton** '43 and **Betty Cochran Melus** '44 are doing fine. **Jane Copley Hoffman** '47 is recovering from surgery here in Tarpon Springs. She has retired from teaching here in our Tarpon Spring High School. Small world, one of my lovely painting pupils is one of her daughters-in-law.

I have fond memories of "interning" under **Frances Armstrong** Class of '36 — walking downtown and handing out oranges to her high school football players. Hello to her!

1946

Betsy Vaughn Pritchett
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Mary Washington College Reunion Weekend was celebrated by 55 members of the Class of 1946. Of the 233 graduates, approximately 26 are lost and 54 deceased, according to records. We returned to the campus for a most delightful and happy weekend of picnics, parties, receptions and dinners, and, most of all, sharing of memories and experiences. The weather was perfect and the campus beautiful.

When we were students, there were around 19 buildings, and now there are approximately 43, with more being added. All carry out the same style architecture as the early buildings.

We want to thank those who served our class the past five years: **Sally Heritage Jordan,** reunion coordinator; **Elizabeth Stallings Sharp,** class agent; **Frances Holsclaw Brown,** booklet editor. Here's our new committee, which will be in place until 2001, our 55 reunion: **Maurine Brevoort Seely,** reunion coordinator; **Betsy Vaughan Pritchett,** class agent; **Joan Rosenthal Jessen,** booklet editor.

We are pleased to report that our Class of '46 donated $74,000 to the Alumni Fund. Those traveling to MWC from great distances were: Maurine Brevoort Seely, California; **Maurine Dewing Funk,** Ohio; Sally Heritage Jordan and **Dorothy Klenck Scott,** New Jersey; **Joan Rosenthal Jessen,** Pennsylvania; **Margaret Moore Beck** and **Susan Tillson Metzger,** Florida; Betsy Vaughan Pritchett, Texas.

From Elizabeth Stallings:

After our 50th reunion booklet went to the printer, two more of our class members were located. They are **Evelyn "Ginny" Hare Skord,** who lives in Kinsale, Va., and **Frances "Becky" Walker** from Richmond. With help from many class members, this makes a total of 30 members who have been located in the last five years.

Elaine Jourard Collins wrote from Hawaii that she would not attend our reunion but wanted to extend her best wishes and Aloha to the Class of 1946. **Betty "Diz" Altenbercer Calandruccio** also wrote that she would not be attending because of family commitments at the same time, and she was sorry to miss seeing her classmates. Earlier **Muriel Duncan Arey** had written that the dates of our reunion conflicted with a trip she and her husband had planned to California for a granddaughter's high school graduation. **Frances Holsclaw Brown** had hoped to return to MWC, but she was ill in March and in the hospital for 15 days. **Doris Hinnant Hine** in Baton Rouge, La., and her former roommate, **Mary "Lynn" Bennett Blackwell,** moved in March from New Jersey to Palm Coast, Fla., where she and her husband, Guy, were building a new home. Lynn had been a regular at our reunions so she was missed, as were the many others who did not attend.

When Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe and her husband, Coy, were driving to MWC, she made several calls to classmates. While in Nashville, Tenn., Elizabeth talked to **Louise Brockenbrough McMinn** and learned that she transferred to MWC her junior year from Southern Virginia College in Buena Vista, Va., her home. Louise is a retired teacher. She and her husband, Charles, have three children and three grandchildren. In talking with **Loretta Osborne Colombo,** Elizabeth found out that she attended MWC for one year in 1942-43 and later graduated from a college in North Carolina. Loretta and her husband, Vincent, have lived in Shelby, N.C., for 26 years. While visiting some friends in Charlotte, N.C., Elizabeth talked to **Beverly Parker Blythe** and found that she was getting ready for a granddaughter's wedding.

Carolyn Ford Duncan fractured her hip when she had a fall in March. She has had a good recovery and was able to attend our reunion with her husband, Fred.

Carolyn Rohr Huebner lost her 1945 yearbook during Reunion Weekend. Hoping that someone inadvertently picked it up, she's ask-

ing that we "check our stuff." Call the alumni office, (540) 654-1011, if you've found it.

1947

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1948

Bette Worsham Hawkins
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Betsy Robertson called today on a telephone spree, having just talked to **Anne Barnes Baugh,** with whom she is going to Turkey in the fall, and **Kitty Clark,** who is making plans to attend a family wedding in California this summer. Betsy was at the home of **Gwen MacSimmons Meredith** last summer for a luncheon, and said that her hostess is as gracious, lovely and slim as ever. **Elva Welday Newdome** sends further news of her busy music career (Ohio Wesleyan '49 BM) and daughters Lynn, a musician and paralegal in Northampton, Mass., and Beth, first assistant concert master in the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Pat Maguire Bilodeau's note arrived with the interesting fact that she and Ken have been to all seven continents, most recently traveling to Turkey and the Greek Isles. Their grandchildren, whom they are raising, are now high-schoolers. **Barbara Thomas Phillips** has the Peter Pan syndrome, saying she pretends to be 39 and thus prefers not to face up to our 50th reunion. Her publishing business has won several book awards and sold several titles to the movies. Retiring from the presidency of an antiques business has given **Betty Strader Shamburger** more time to travel, such as a three-week trip to Spain. She saw **Ruth Gilmer Huettel** when the latter was in Richmond this past winter.

Marjorie Batty Dey, now retired from Norfolk Academy, will travel to London and Paris in May with her sister-in-law, **Alice Wombersie Batty** '47. They will also visit **Virginia Jones McKie's** '49 condo chalet in Switzerland. From Nassawadax, Va., **Laura Wright Nottingham** writes that she is enjoying retirement, though she spends much time looking after her husband, who is ill with cancer. **Jean Kruq Robertson,** after a two-week vacation in Hawaii with her husband, stopped off in Los Angeles to dine with **Kitty Glazier Livengood** and her husband. California obviously agrees with Kitty, says Jean. **Lois Saunier Hornsby**'s note came on an artistic hand-designed pad done by **Helen Compton Newman.** Lois has a full-time schedule of grandmothering and community services, including PTA, Council Coalition for Social Services, William and Mary projects, and Cultural Alliance for Hampton Roads. Son Bruce has invited her to thrilling far-away concert spots.

Non-addicted to golf, though avid off-season travelers, **Ashby Griffin Mitchell** and Jake recently spent a week in Palm Springs, Calif., where the golfing was great, and the ball travels farther. They have also been with son Mac and family to Kiawah, S.C., this spring. Daughter Martha lives in Charlotte, N.C. Ashby is again president of the garden club in Culpeper. **Phyllis Cassell Lynch Rogers** retired after teaching 17 years in a rehabilitation center for blind adults, is enjoying golf, gardening and grandchildren. And it truly agrees with her; she is a beauty. **Betty Bennett Ferguson,** after a wide and wonderful tour of Europe last summer, broke her humerus bone in five places, leaving Dick to do the house chores. Three weeks in Southern Italy last year were followed by trips to Spain and Greece for **Byrd Stone Helguera.** Byrd also visited **Jane Burton Pennewell,** who now lives in a retirement community in Sterling, Va. Volunteer work for Byrd has special emphasis on HIV/AIDS.

Martha Warriner Dodson is busy and small-town happy. Her husband, Barham, a pharmacist in Franklin, Va., will soon retire. **Anne Barnes Baugh** wrote not only of her upcoming Grand Circle trip to Turkey, but also of Christmas with **Marjorie Batty Dey** — with **Kitty Clark,** and two weeks this summer with all of her family at Virginia Beach. I received a great Christmas card from **Barbara Anne Hough McConnell,** featuring her handsome family and beach home in Connecticut. **Betty Meade Thornton** spent a month in Portugal this winter. When she is not traveling she does aerobics, church work, plays bridge and does volunteer work in adult literacy.

A resident of Idaho, **Anne Williams Cordes** is completing her second year as state president of the General Foundation of Women's Clubs, which involved trips to San Francisco, Hawaii and Nashville. **Charlotte Smith Hill** continues as a teacher of special ed fifth-graders. She attended the Children's Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi this spring. **Marjorie Selvage Stone** writes that she is having a second book published this fall. She also wrote that she and **Natalie Klein** had a visit this year. After retiring as a fourth-grade teacher, **Mary Elizabeth Kite** received a master's degree in church leadership from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg, Va. She has traveled to the Holy Land and other parts of the Middle East, China, Japan and Europe.

Alice Cassriel Whitman returns often to Chicago from Scottsdale, Ariz., to see her family, but never in the winter. A recent 70th birthday gift from her children, a trip to Las Vegas, was highlighted by a $625 win on a quarter slot machine, the first time she and her husband had come home ahead! **Marjorie Johnson Walter** and husband Bob are very active in a choir group, The Sounds of Florida Chorus, performing about two dozen times a year. They visit their large family up and down the East Coast. She is active with her church groups and a crisis pregnancy organization. **Miriam Whitley Knight** is active in the West Virginia Arts Council, croquet circuit, tennis, hospice and choir. She'll go to Australia this spring. In moving, **Carol Byrd Williamson**'s belongings suffered from two disastrous rain storms, one in Great Bridge and one in Charlottesville, but she writes that she is dealing with it. She is in touch with **Sarah Armstrong Worman,** who has decided to sell her sportswear business and free up her time to "smell the roses." They are hoping to take a villa in Tuscany in the fall.

It was such fun to have **Kitty Clarke,** after so many years, visit us this spring. We lunched in Williamsburg with **Justine Edwards Borland** and **Anne Buckles Orteig** '50, and Carol Byrd came down to Richmond one day to see her. My husband Salty and I canceled our pre-Christmas trip to London, due to pneumonia (his) and broken foot (mine) but made up for it with a sunny March week there filled with theater, concerts, museums and a great deal of walking. I'll go to Florence for two weeks in May, and then our idyllic month once again in England. Our eighth grandchild made his appearance this winter between snowstorms.

So overwhelming the response has been that we confine our reunion activities to our class, and our quarters to a hotel. This summer I am to meet with a school representative, and after some initial plans are set forth, I will be asking for volunteers to help get the reunion off the ground. I really do appreciate your input, and will count on your continued response.

1949

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Thanks to the faithful few for the following news and updates on some of our classmates.

Nan Cook Farrebee Bond has continuing health problems and does most of her visiting by phone. Her voice sounds so full of vitality and good humor, it's hard to believe the trials and tribulations which have beset Nan and her daughter, Cary, who also has been very ill for many months. After spending several weeks with Cary in New York last year, Nan then went with her to Fla. for further treatment and nurturing. At last report, Cary was slowly improving, and we wish them both complete recovery and renewed strength. We'll really need the Norfolk-area contingent of classmates to help make our big 50th lotsa fun!

This year marked the 50th reunion time for the wonderful Class of '46, the seniors of our freshman year and very special to us. So, congratulations to the newest members of the Golden Oldies Club, with love and fond memories from the Fabulous Forty-Niners!

Roland Westbrook, widower of **Irvin "Kitten" Whitlow Westbrook**, is once again a father-in-law. In March, his and Kitten's youngest daughter, Dawn, wed Wayne Hotsinpiller in Fla., where they now reside. Dawn and Wayne were part of a small troop which toured Hungary and Romania this spring. Dawn presented her one-woman show, "Zelda, The Last Flapper" and doubled in another play as well.

Exciting news is that the film in which our **Barbara Watson Barden** stars was finished in February, despite the perils of snow 'n ice. The new careers may have begun, with Barbara as a full-fledged movie actress and Stuart, Bob 'n Barbara's youngest son, as a cinematographer. Stuart became interested in that field, took an intensive course and then worked as an assistant cinematographer on Barbara's film. This spring, he went out to California to investigate his opportunities there. Now settled in Mexico, near La Mesa, he is studying scriptwriting and, additionally, chemistry and calculus. Meanwhile, the Barden's daughter, Priscilla, proudly presented them with a bouncing, *11+ pound* baby boy, whom Barbara said appeared to be 2 years old at birth! The newest grandchild makes a current total of three granddaughters and two grandsons for Barbara. While awaiting word of the possible new

play-date of her film, she has resumed her weekly dance classes and choreography duties, with intermittent baby-sitting. We'll all be watching for word of the holiday release, ready and eager to sit down to enjoy every minute of "A Christmas Dinner."

Andi Dulany Lyons also had some exciting news during the winter/spring months. In our last episode, Keith had talked Andi into taking a course in creative writing. As those of us on the receiving end of her newsy notes knew, she already is a creative writer. Indeed! Now, hear this: For the equivalent of a final exam, Andi read to the class, with much trepidation, her original children's story written in rhyme. As she finished, the instructor said, "It's ready for publication!" How's that for excitement?! It was something Andi had thought about all her life, but hadn't dreamt of bringing to fruition.

You see, when our Andi was just a wee lassie, called Ann Peacock by her family, her doting father made up stories in rhyme about her and a marvelous Bunny Rabbit while at work and would tell them to her as bedtime stories. Though he wrote down only 10 of these stories, they were enough to remind Andi in later years of how very charming they were and how much she loved the Bunny. After her father died, Andi occasionally would write a special story in rhyme for a very special friend or event. Just for fun, she also wrote three that would apply to any child; and it was the first of these that she read to her class. With the encouragement of her instructor, Andi did the necessary research and preparation for submitting her children's rhymes to some 33 publishing houses. Stay tuned for further developments. Then, as icing on the cake, Andi was notified that one of the short stories she'd written as homework had been entered in a fiction writing contest by her instructor, unbeknown to her, and had been awarded an honorable mention in the short fiction category. As Andi noted, her cup runneth over...big time! See what Keith ('n talent) hath wrought?

Andi occasionally sees **Polly Kibler McGinn** at various social affairs in Manassas and at Prince William Hospital Auxiliary functions. Polly is one of the mainstays of the auxiliary thrift shop, where she helps decorate the display windows and has the vital job of sorting and pricing donated garments, toys, household goods and furniture. The thrift shop is the major money maker for the auxiliary, which has given nearly $160,000 to the hospital for equipment and supplies. Polly also serves as a comedic model-performer in the annual shows for hospital and nursing home functions. Polly's three daughters applaud their mother's community service.

Marion "Windy" Selfe Kelley and George continue their ongoing education through widespread travels and various courses of interest. Their recent storytelling courses found a personal outlet during a visit to Fairfax, Va. While their daughter took a two-week business trip to Europe, Marion and George opted to keep house for their son-in-law, two grandchildren and their nanny. The Kelleys attended the children's school and displayed their expertise for the class. Still involved in storytelling, they have had to concentrate on their French lessons of late. A former professor at Sullins College tutored the Kelleys in preparation for their month-long stay at Avignon in September. While in school and staying in a private home, all conversation must be in French. With eight years of French, George is quite fluent, but Marion put in four hours a day to meet their final deadline. We betcha she did it! She noted being out of touch with classmates this year; however, she saw **Frankie McGlothlin Borkey**'s brother at a gathering in Norton, Va., who told her that Frankie was then recuperating from knee surgery. And we heard that **Patsy McKee Rogers** and **Mildred Vance Secular** have joined the growing ranks of classmates who know the aches 'n pains of arthritis. Oh yeah, we too...boffus!

A call to Stone Mountain, Ga., barely caught **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** before she and Les headed their company delegation to New Orleans in mid-May for the annual meeting of the American Society of Microbiologists. After standing on her feet all day at their Scarborough exhibit during the five-day convention, Jackie should have been ready for some R&R, either at home or at their Florida condo. She said all was well with her and her family; good news, indeed.

For the past 10 years, **Sarah-Kathryn Hayter Helton** has been loving caregiver to her dear mother, who resides with her in Bristol. Fortunately, she has someone for the night shift and also Sunday mornings so that Sarah can attend her church services. She is proud that three of her sons are deacons in their respective churches and that her eldest now has attained the rank of captain and heads the Virginia Highway Patrol division in Wytheville. Sarah-Kathryn awaited the arrival this summer of another grandchild, her ninth, each of whom is a special joy.

Lucy Vance Gilmer also has been a lifelong devoted worker in her church. In the icy conditions of February, Lucy suddenly was called upon to serve as temporary hostess for five days to a newly arrived, non-English speaking, Bosnian refuge family of four. Lucy had to be inventive in developing sign language to communicate each need, an exhaustive endeavor, before her church, which co-sponsored the family, made other arrangements. We know that Lucy and her late husband, Sherman, served as church parents to many Virginia Intermont students over the years. Lucy has kept in touch with several of her VI girls and their families, serving as god-grandparent to their children. They visit back and forth during the year and for holidays, keeping Lucy on the go and up to date. She now uses her new computer for everything, but says she draws the line at the Internet as being too time consuming. Too bad; they could learn much from Lucy!

Lucy saw **Mary Ann Godsey Little** when they both attended a Sullins Alumni luncheon at the Bristol Country Club in May. Mary Ann's husband, Bob, continues to operate the family drug store. Their son was married last June. When former Bristolites who also are MWC alumni come back to visit, Mary Ann catches up with dear friends **Barbara Galliher Morton** '50, **Mary Hamrick Pepper** '50 and her husband Sam Pepper, who as a returning Vet, followed Mary to MWC! (Ah yes, we remember it well.) Barb's daughter, Ann Morton, director of Girls Incorporated of Bristol, was married last summer.

Word came that **Barbara Trimm Wright** has moved back to reside with her two sisters, both of whom have muscular degeneration and require some assistance. Barb said she moved right after listing her former address for the new MWC Directory. Her new address is: 4198 Goodes Ferry Road, South Hill, VA 23970. In going through and cleaning out family treasures, Barb came across some sweet memories of MWC days, including a '54 *MWC TODAY*. Hold on to your memorabilia, Barb, and those of you who didn't move all around in the ensuing year.

In fact, **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood** did anticipate the need for MWC treasures for our 50th. She sent **June Davis McCormick** a packet of keepsakes, such as her original, filled-in dance cards (remember?), some campus publications and a few snapshots. That's planning ahead, Blackie...the Good Lawd willin' and the creeks don't rise!

One timely request: As you address your holiday cards to caring classmates this year, please add a few lines of news for us to pass along in our January writing. Meanwhile, love to y'all from boffus.

1950

Dorothy Held Gawley
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It is always wonderful to receive so many notes during the holiday season. This column would not appear if my loyal correspondents forgot about me.

In early September of '95 **Alicia De Rivera-Cruz** wrote of her trip to Spain with her oldest grandniece and an MWC friend, **Nilda P. Fernandes-Alsip** '51. They followed the ancient "Way of St. James." Her letter was interrupted as she prepared with others in San Juan for the oncoming Hurricane Luis. She said everyone was frightened, exhausted and then relieved when the storm took a last-minute turn to the north.

Irv and I attended an ElderHostel in Ivoryton, Conn., in '95. It covered the history of the Conn. River Valley towns of Old Saybrook and Essex. While there I called **Ruth Maynard Nuhn,** who lives in Old Baybrook. We were unable to get together, but had a nice phone chat. Ruth has retired from her teaching position. She had planned to attend our reunion with **Barbara Saul Baker** of Charlotte, N.C., but Barbara broke her hip in early spring so their plans were canceled. Now they are aiming for the 50th!

Ball Suite 304 didn't make it to the reunion either, but everyone sent messages. **Rachel Hickey Norgenthaler** and Skip attended his reunion at Lafayette. However, "Mickey" had a mini-reunion with **Rosemary Miller** when she and Skip spent time at Amackinac Island, Mich. Rachel and Skip are still living in Maryland and Florida. Rosemary keeps on with the small orchestra and church choir in Benzonia, Mich. She even met up with an ex-MWC enroute there, and they reminisced about "POP" Faulkner and Mrs. Bushnell. **Barbara Lloyd Miller** and Jim are enjoying their condo lifestyle in State College, Pa., especially when they don't have to worry about shoveling. In Prescott, Ariz., **Betty Gavett Breeden** and Joe made their trip to the Northwest, driving to Victoria, B.C. Joe has had some health problems but is on the road to recovery. Other visits were to San Diego to enjoy thespian activi-

ties of various family members.

Patti Head Ferguson and Glenn are back in Rhode Island. Glenn resigned from the American Univ. of Paris for health reasons, but all is going well, and they did a three-week lecture tour for Cunard on the *QE2*. **Mary Cottingham Hardy** reports that her eye is healing well after the detached retina, and she is back on the tennis court, line-dancing and involved in various volunteer activities. She had a wonderful month in '95 back in South Carolina, where she attended her high school reunion. Her sister and husband have built a gorgeous home there to replace the family home lost in a fire several years ago. **Nat Wilton**, who keeps in touch with Mary, is now on "inactive status" with Hertz in Seattle. She writes that **Helen Hopkins Timberlake** and Neal have a new home in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. **Janey Gardner Mallory** and **Jackie Newell Recker** live there, also. Jackie did not have a good 1995. She was in the hospital for three and a half weeks in the early part of the year with pneumonia. Then on Memorial Day, she was hit by a car in the parking lot of the country club, breaking her knee. She spent most of the summer sitting, and then when she graduated to a cane, she broke a bone in her foot. Good news is that all is better, and she and Len took a cruise to the Panama Canal and Mexico over Christmas and New Year's. **Clelia Boushee Bullard** and Ray live in nearby Jacksonville. Ray is doing well after his quintuple bypass surgery in Sept. '95. In Altamonte Springs, Fla., **Connie Metzger Verlander** and Joe are Elderhostel lovers. They have recently gone to Wolfeboro, N.M., to become canoeing experts and to do some watercolors. Then they traveled to Warm Springs Georgia's Rehab. Institute learning more about FDR's life, then took an outstanding course in Russian history and politics. Before they returned home, they stopped at Calloway Gardens to see its festival of lights. Too bad they didn't know in advance that **Peg Litton Fox Vaden** is a docent there. She and Bill live in Marilton, Ga., and enjoy activities on Lake Harding near their home.

Lucille Schoolcraft Townsend of Carrollton, Ga., has been keeping busy with civic activities and travel plus teaching since Maury's recent death. He worked on the administrative staff of Congressman George "Ruddy" Darden and loved it. "Ciel" taught a section of Political Science 101, American govt. and said she never worked so hard! After that class ended she traveled to Switzerland with her sister for a fun time. In Atlanta, **Rowena Simpson Renn** retired as professor of music at Agnes Scott College in '94, but has maintained her private voice studio. She and Ed, a bank consultant, enjoy traveling, and their symphony, botanical garden and Atlanta Zoo memberships. Their daughter Tina and husband have become Wycliffe Bible translators. **Gaynelle Parris Grizzard** and Vernon had owned a wholesale cookie manufacturing bakery and flour mill in Rome, Ga. Their four children and a son-in-law have now taken over the operation, which leaves Gaynell and Vernon time to bask in the sun of W. Palm Beach, Fla., during the winter months and then back to Rome. Having purchased a new car in late '94, **Gerry Boswell Griffin** and Dave took off for two driving tours in '95. They left Jekyll Island, Ga., to ride up New England way — Acadia Nat'l Park, with stops in Vermont and Newport, R.I. Later in the summer they took a wonderful trip West to Denver and Cheyenne, Wyo., where Gerry lived while in high school during WWII. Joining a Grand Circle Wild West Nat'l Parks tour in Rapid City, S.D., they enjoyed the beauty of the area and participated in interesting activities. **Pat Klosterman Miller** and Edwin are happy in their mountain home near the Appalachian Trail in Mars Mill, N.C. They are about 30 miles west of Ashville and like hiking, boating and fishing. Each of their four children has a B.S. in engineering, and they have 11 grandchildren.

Who says you can't do exciting and different things when you are 60+ years of age? **Mary Jane McIntosh Young** took two of her younger grandsons on a hot air balloon ride in the western part of Loudoun Co. — a birthday gift to her. She said the wind was calm, so it was a serene ride. **Carol Bailey Miller**, also of Leesburg, Va., was awarded the Susan Magan award in Dec. '95 at the annual Virginia Horse Show Assoc. meeting in Irvington, Va. This award, named for **"Su Su" Moggard Magan** '47, is presented to a loyal VHSA member for sportsmanship, camaraderie and fairness. Indeed a great honor for Carol. Congrats! Can you believe that **Marcy Weatherly Morris** and Juney are great-grandparents (a boy) — thanks to Ellen's daughter, Kelly. Ellen and family are now in Pawleys Island, S.C., where she is working in the OR at Georgetown Hosp. Marcy's son Tip and family spent Christmas in France with wife Laura's family — the first time in their 16 years of marriage. **Martha Carr Muddleston**'s son, Sam, was married in May '95, two weeks after Michelle completed med. school. They're now in Phoenix, where she is doing her residency at Good Samaritan Hosp. Fortunately Sam was able to be transferred out there. Martha says she is managing to keep up with most of her activities and her grandson is her pride and joy! **Jane Frazier Snead** received her degree in home ec., but discovered latent art talents in later life. She is now affiliated with Art First Gallery and Studios of Fredericksburg. The Sneads have a dairy farm, and for the past 25 years have been hosting dairy farm tours for area school children. Jane wrote the sad news of the sudden death of **Catherine Hilldrup Stanley** in Nov. '95 Jane and Cathy went through high school in Fredericksburg together as well as MWC. Both attended our 45th reunion.

In Lancaster, Pa., **Barbara Huber Bohmann** has retired after nine years with the Visiting Nurse Assoc. Two happy events occurred in her family in '95. Daughter Jill was married in March in a hot-air balloon at Las Vegas, and son Paul and wife Sonya were married in a traditional Greek wedding in August. **Mary Mount Lind** recently retired from her teaching position in Bethlehem, Pa. She also finished her second year as a VP of Serra International, attending the international convention in Genoa, Italy. She and Dick took an additional week touring Europe. **Mim Sollows Wieland** and Earl are the grandparents of a new grandson, Michael, born in '95. He joins a sister, Kathryn Ann, in Dunwoody, Ga. That makes six grandchildren for the Wielands. Thanks again for all the great news, keep it coming!

Barbara Malone Crookshanks, editor of *Fredericksburg/TideLand Times* magazine, won first place in the food articles category of the 1996 Virginia Press Women communications contest for "Recipes of the Times."

1951

Roselyn Bell Morris
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Our 45th reunion was really enjoyed by 13 little Indians. We keep waiting for all our Indian Chiefs to come to one of our reunions. Maybe for our 50th you *all* will come — 2001 will be here before you know it.

During our get-together party, a list of our 22 deceased members was read by **Lorraine Frantz Foulds**. She also awarded certificates to each of us — from the farthest traveled to the most grandchildren.

While at our party, we each had a little additional information about some of our classmates. Some are improving from sickness or surgery: **Doris Wright Wilson, Winnie Horton Brock, Cynthia Medley English** and **Lois Feagans Cobbs**.

We have a lot of happy travelers, some going on cruises, traveling in campers and flying all over the world: **Ann Penny Ross, Dot Beldon Wood, Jane Zeigler Lifsey, Elizabeth Fitzgerald Braden, Ruth Katzen Stress, Belan Comacho, Frances Carter Dugger, Leah Patterson Mannel, Elsie Scott McDowell, Janet Scott Allen** and **Marjorie Southcott Graham.**

Some of us are newly retired: **Betty Bean McCormick, Drusilla Howson Anderson, Sarah Mouch Blazevic** and **Pam Tomks Chapman.**

Still working: **Lois Bellamy Martin, Sue Sawyers Moncure, Juanita Pike Carter, Elizabeth Smith Hughes** and **Mary Zink Dyer.**

We have an abundance of grandchildren: **Ann Penny Ross** has 25 and **Ann Ruggles Curfman** has 16.

Tidbits that are most interesting: **Viola Iacozza Fettuccia's** daughter is an assistant attorney to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno; **Doris Harless** collects Hummels; busy doing sports is **Keren Morey Hepworth; Patricia Brown Sutton** is a minister's wife and living in North Carolina; **Norma Resnikoff Sater** is busy with her hobbies; **Peggy Walsh** is enjoying singing and reading; **Nancy Stacy Altman** was presented South Carolina's distinguished hospital trustee award in '93, and she is still busy in the community; **Patricia Wise Ritter** is still active in the theatre; and **Anne Zirpel Josefy** is enjoying retired life on Lake Lyndon B. Johnson in Texas. She welcomes visitors. **Shirley Williams Rees** works with persons with mental retardation, has been on several TV shows and has won many awards in this field. We understand **Sue Howard Lancaster** is just partying away, and **Tiny Alfred Kimbrough** is getting along a lot better now.

We are concerned about the 136 girls that didn't respond to the survey that was sent out by the alumni office. You all help us! It's not too late to send the info in.

Starting next year, you will be getting a surprise from Lorrie, Sarah and me each February. So be on the lookout for the big event. We would really like a large turn-out in 2001.

Until next time — happiness be with you!

1952

Barbara Burgess Wassell
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Lexington, VA 24450

1953

Barbara Faxon Stout (Mrs. H.F.)
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Edinburg, VA 22824

Charlotte Benz Villalobos (Mrs. Jose)
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Escondido, CA 92025

From Barbara:

Retired physician **Ruth Williams Taylor** is involved in numerous medical organizations. She is trustee of Children's Hospital and of the Medical College of Virginia Foundation. She and her husband continue to organize and conduct yearly hiking tours to Switzerland. The family has welcomed a new granddaughter, born to son John. Daughter Elizabeth has wedding plans for October. She received her M.B.A. from Darden School of U.Va. in '95, and is employed by Coopers and Lybrand in Boston. Another retiree is **Betty Cranford Besley,** who taught for 38 years in Fairfax and Stafford counties. Recent travels have been to London and Amsterdam. Betty relates that, sadly, her son, M. Burdette Church, died December 10, 1994, at age 39.

I'm envious of **Sarah Martin Walrath,** who is a master gardener! Sarah reports that her husband retired from Scott Paper Co. in 1986, that daughter Nancy is married with two children, and that daughter Carolyn is married with one child. Travels took Sarah to Scotland and England in 1994, Spain in 1995 and Italy in 1996. **Barbara Hamilton Fraley** has traveled to Colorado for skiing and to Israel for touring. She is a widow now whose two sons live in Richmond. Barbara enjoys her two grandchildren.

Peggy Hopkins Johnson and husband Richard annually spend January and February in Florida. April and October they travel to Kentucky to attend thoroughbred racing at Keeneland, and May finds them at the Kentucky Derby. They also take Elderhostel trips, one recent one to Troy, N.Y., followed by a week's visit to Maine. Peggy and Richard met Jim and Maureen Lawrence in Tarpon Springs. Their son married **Betty Ranney Moran**'s youngest daughter in 1995. Betty was **Nancy Melton Miller**'s roommate for two years at MWC. They called Nancy and hope to have a reunion in the near future.

Just retired from 17 years of substitute teaching is **Jean Foster Harris**. She is busy helping others, currently caring for two ailing friends and her 14-year-old dog. Jean has four sons: John, master's in English, May 1996, works on the newspaper at Langley AFB; Jimmy, an engineer with the federal government, is working on his Ph.D.; Lewis is a musician with a band in Richmond and has a job; and Billy paints, does yard care and does carpentry. **Anna Mawhinney Cumming** is a retired mathematician and husband Richard, a retired naval architect. They have four daughters and four grandchildren. Lake Pomme de Terre sees much more of **Carolyn Keck Redic** and husband James since he retired. They enjoy water activities and wonderful birding from their cottage deck. Two of their children presented them with their first grandchildren this past year. Another grandmother for the first time is **Shirley "Sherry" Widener Butler**. Her son Mark and wife Debbie presented her and husband Jack with Sarah Thompson Butler on Valentine's Day 1995. Another event of 1995 was a trip to Japan and Hong Kong.

Carol Ann Smith Boyes continues full time at the National Gallery of Art. She still paints occasionally and plays the piano. Carol and husband Bill have three sons and seven grandchildren. Carol loves her volunteer work. Her presence at the gallery was very handy for **Elaine Strawser Cherry,** who stood in line in the snow for two hours to see the Vermeer exhibit, only to be turned away. Later, running into Carol saved the day for Elaine, giving her tickets for the exhibit. Last year Elaine enjoyed a WWII Remembrance Tour to England, France and Germany. More recently she had lunch with **Ruth Williams Taylor**, and on another date, with **Martha Bass Giovanelli**. It was their first reunion in 43 years, and they talked steadily for four hours! Elaine said it was as though they had just left Mary Ball Hall. Elaine also had lunch at her house for **Joanne Harris** on her birthday, with **Barbara Prichard Jones** attending. **Jessie MacKay Foster** couldn't attend because she had just broken her hip. Elaine also managed a recent visit to her "old roomie," **Caroline Mueller Griffin.**

Travels took **Gayle Winston Roberts** and husband to China and Hong Kong and to the Greek Islands. Their children live in Richmond. The three grandsons attend St. Christopher's School and the granddaughter, St. Catherine's. **Barbara Hunt Navas** enjoyed great food and Dixieland jazz for a week in New Orleans and was expecting to spend a week in Williamsburg. Weddings for her youngest daughter and her son were on the horizon. Meanwhile, Barbara was recovering from her first total hip replacement with the second one set for November. She says she may become the "Bionic Grandma."

Being president of the Irish Terrier Club of America and breeding and raising Irish Terriers occupies much of **Peggy Ellis Gill**'s time. The breed club is currently celebrating its centennial, having been founded in Boston in 1897. Peggy's husband, Paul, retired from Mitre Corp. Also, Peggy traveled to Rome and Sicily in 1995 and managed to climb Mt. Etna. Peggy also travels often to Virginia to visit her sister in Bluefield and her mother in Roanoke at Our Lady of the Valley. Peggy lost her father in 1994. **Deigh Renn Simpson** is senior documentation control coordinator for Allergan Skincare. Because she is the primary caregiver for her mom, who is 95, Deigh limits her travel to day-trips. Daughter Debbie is an interior designer in Dallas.

Garnette Bell Crawford is not sure about her "retired" status. Now that Norm is retired, she finds she has more than ever to do. She does, however, find time for water aerobics, church, volunteering at the local hospital and lunch with friends at every opportunity. Garnette spends a lot of time going to R.I. to visit her mother and to N.C. to visit her daughter. She and Norm were getting ready for their first cruise and, later, a conference in Atlanta. Garnette's daughter, Ellen, is a financial analyst for the City of Fayetteville, N.C., and is engaged to be married; daughter Sally is doing well as a commercial artist.

Betsy Anne Dickinson Surles is director of marketing for Main Street Studios — specialty porcelain. She continues to travel to Ohio for 10 days a month to the porcelain decorating plant. Daughter Linda is with the Society of Phi Beta Kappa, son David is at the local airport and son Steve is the decal printer and color developer at the Ohio plant. Art teacher **Elizabeth Young Worthington** is located at Lookout Mountain, Tenn. Elizabeth received the Arts Honors School Award from the Tenn. Arts Academy, Nashville. Travel has taken her to Europe, Canada, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. Elizabeth lost her husband suddenly in 1994. She has three children — Rhonda Perry, Elizabeth Ashley Worthington and Wick Worthington IV — and five grandchildren, ages 2-11. **Peggy Snellings Rampersad** reports that her husband, Dr. Oliver Rampersad, died suddenly in July 1994. Peggy retired from the University of Chicago in June 1995, and is now a private consultant in higher education and fundraising. She and **Ann Dewitt Harvey** want to have a reunion of art majors, Classes of 1952, '53 and '54. Anyone interested in the reunion at the National Gallery should write to Peggy at 5531 S. Kenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60637-1755.

A nearby eagle preserve/park and the Sierra Club are where **Doris Lindsey Whitfield** volunteers. She is also helping to implement a career planning service. Doris traveled for six weeks to visit family in Austin and Tucson, and camp in western national parks. A favorite time is hiking Grand Canyon trails. **Virginia "Ginny" Poole Kinniburgh** is a docent for National Symphony Orchestra Youth Concerts. She goes to schools to brief students on concerts they will hear. The women's committee organizes two concerts a year, each one for 20,000 students, two performances a day for five days. Another volunteer is **Janet Swan Jacobs,** who works with the Friends of the Wilderness maintaining battlefields. She also bakes cakes for MWC students and looks forward to volunteering at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery at MWC. Janet and Gene have been at their country home on a lake in Spotsylvania, not far from MWC, for well over a year. Both are retired, though Gene continues half time in the Radiology Dept. at GWU Medical School. Travel plans include a trip to St. Petersburg, Russia. Janet enjoyed a visit with **Donna Gray Anderson** and Mason (ret. USN) in Phoenix last year, reporting that they are full of vitality and enjoying their grown-up family and grandchildren. **Joan Schlesinger Miller** stopped by on her way through town, promising plans for another reunion. Joan serves on the Norfolk Hospital Board.

Martha Gilbert Smith's daughter Diana was married to Mark Vincent Swift of Natick, Mass., in 1996. They traveled to England and to Greece. Diana is a graduate of Lesley College and is an activities director. Mark graduated from Northeastern University and is a telecommunications engineer. Charlotte and Jose enjoyed a trip to Europe in the spring. Some of their trip was by train, particularly from Innsbruck to Vienna through a beautiful snowfall. They also recently visited their daughter in Northern California. Hal and I have proudly welcomed another grandchild to our family, daughter of our son Herald III and

wife Laura. In 1995, Sara was flown from Steamboat Springs, Colo., to Denver via medivac a couple of hours after her birth. Our son and daughter-in-law had to make the two and a half hour drive to Denver since there was no room for either in the helicopter with the necessary equipment and staff. There was a very happy ending to the adventure the next day when all was declared well with Sara.

We had brief word from **Marigene Mulligan Duff**, who is professor emeritus, Emory University School of Medicine; **Mary Winbourne Goode**, who traveled recently to Sanabel Island, Fla.; **Winnie Ediss McGee,** who is in real estate and who enjoyed a recent trip to Portugal; and from **Nancy Melton Miller,** whose travels take her to Shoney's and Taco Bell!

We were sad to learn of the family deaths which some of you reported. On our behalf and that of our classmates, we extend our deepest sympathy on your loss.

1954

Vera Bestwick Willis
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Lucy Mae Redman Munger and her husband, Bruce, are enjoying traveling around beautiful Arizona and going to Europe. They have been traveling to see their children and grandchildren, in Worcester, Mass., in Bedford, Texas, and in La Fayette, Calif.

Lucy Mae and Bruce had a wonderful trip to the Pacific Northwest from San Francisco to Vancouver; then summered in Maine and New Hampshire.

Lois Graff Reiser's daughter, Eleanor, got married in October and is expecting this summer. So Lois will be a grandmother for the third time.

Janet Abbott Carr was diagnosed as having lung cancer in December. She died the beginning of March. She was one of our reunion coordinators for 1999. We will miss her.

1955

Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher
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Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Some of you may recall that I wrote a song for one of the MWC "benefits," and then, flushed with encouragement from classmates, went to NYC to sell same. I was advised to return to MWC and get a degree! (Not in music!) Forty-one years later, our daughter, Amy Elizabeth (MWC attendee in '77), is putting out a CD of her songs, so stay tuned to your country-pop stations!

A card from **Sally Hanger Moravitz** said she had heard from **Mary Kate Bird Dellet** (at her winter home in Mesa, Ariz.) Sadly Mary Kate reported that her roommate **Colleen O'Rear Lewis'** husband, Bob, died.

I received a glorious six-page letter from **Lena "Frenchie" French Fuller**, and a family cookbook written by Frenchie's daughter. Most of the recipes are Frenchie's, and the comments in between the recipes are filled with touching, and very funny family lore. Frenchie, who has five daughters, was the seventh of eight children! An excerpt from her book goes: "Morning wake-up. We started the day with Father calling us at 6 a.m., Warren Millison Emma Douglas Ellen Orrin Lena Sally Ann — up and at 'em! If we didn't get up, he'd call again in five minutes. If that didn't work, we knew he'd sneak up the stairs with a switch, and it's a wonder we didn't knock him back down the stairs with all eight of us coming at him, and he swinging the switch as we rushed past him. In the summer, the neighbors would hear him and they would get up, too!" Great memories, so please send me yours to share. Frenchie is writing both a family history and a history of Maurertown, Va., her home town. Last summer she helped produce a video of the history of the town.

1956

Louise Robertson-Monroe
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Richmond, VA 23221

I feel that **Nanalou West Sauder**, who did the alumni booklet, did far more work than I have to do as class agent, and I am quoting a lot of what she's written. I think we had a grand time talking together at the reunion. The husbands who came sat off in a corner and talked and had a good time. It was a joy remembering the good times we had in the past. Since then, we have had such a good time renewing old acquaintances. We agree that the campus is very beautiful, in spite of its great expansion. The building plan has been carried out well.

Beverly Almond Tucker (Gordonsville, Va.) reports that she has a B.A. in psychology from MWC. She is married with two daughters. Her daughters and their husbands graduated from U.Va. There are now three grandchildren with another on the way. Beverly taught school but retired six years ago. She and Nelson have a farm and are loving retirement. They raise beef cattle.

Lee Blank Richmond (Baltimore) earned her B.S. from Loyola College and an M.Ed. and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. She is a professor of counseling education in Loyola. She is past president of both the National Career Development Association and the American Counseling Association. Lee has four children, enjoys writing and wants her classmates to know that she still remembers them as well as a special faculty friend, Mary Ellen Stephenson.

Virginia Blankenship Gratz (Naples, Fla.) is married to George. The most exciting bit of news in her life is that her 28-year-old son just got married. Virginia's degree was in psychology, but she helped her husband enormously with his business until they retired and moved to Florida.

Phyllis Block Brotman (Baltimore) is the chief executive officer of Image Dynamics Inc. (an advertising and public relations firm in Baltimore). Her husband, Don, is a dentist. She has received several honors for community service, including being named Humanitarian of the Year by Save-A-Heart and Woman of the Year by both B'nai B'rith and the Arlene Rosenbloom Woman Guild. WMAR-TV named her Entrepreneur of the year. Of particular note is the fact that she served as executive-in-residence at MWC. Phyllis still plays tennis and says, "I have raised two wonderful children, who have married and provided me with three granddaughters. I have also had an outstanding career, and I have assisted many women going into their own businesses...." She has successfully fought breast cancer for 21 years. One of her favorite MWC memories is going to eat hot fudge sundaes at the old Howard Johnson's Route 1, after Miss Herman's Spanish class.

Susanne Borke Grasberger (Richmond, Va.) has been married for 39 years to Tom, who is now retired and does consulting work. They have four children and four grandchildren. Tommy works for Duron Paints; Stevie is a social worker at Sheltering Arms Hospital; Suzie and Joanie are school teachers. Susan says that she enjoys her family very much, her sewing, and her freedom for more than six years from breast cancer. She also reports the following:

Marian Cutchin Hines, who is not in our book, was my freshman- and sophomore-year roommate along with **Barbara Wygal**, but she left MWC after two and a half years to marry Tommy Hines. He was in the service, so they moved around a great deal. After his retirement, they came back to Suffolk, their hometown. Marian was a social worker but is now semi-retired and working part time as a floral designer. They have four children.

Patricia Dent Baynes (Richmond) is retired from the Richmond City Library. She reports that she was divorced in 1972 and has three children. She was diagnosed as having MS about 10 years ago and is now mostly in a wheelchair. Sadly, that circumstance prevents her from coming to the reunion. Pat reports that she has put her artistic ability to good use in designing Christmas cards for Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Hospital in Richmond. She wishes she was doing more art projects. Pat's favorite memories of MWC include the beautiful grounds, getting more "terps" for Mr. Binford's painting class, Dr. Stansbury, and Dr. Lenart. She particularly liked fencing, stating, "I never was great, but it was such a 'classy' P.E. course." Also, she fondly remembers hurrying to breakfast in PJ's and a raincoat, the "dumb" or clever Christmas door decorations, Wesley Foundation activities, faculty and staff members, Susie Peach Foster, Dr. and Mrs. Simpson, and Dr. Hilldrup.

Ann Johnson Hill died two summers ago (1994). She had kidney cancer about nine years earlier and had a recurrence. She is survived by her husband, Forace, and two sons, Joe and Matt. Her sister, Betsy, also is a Mary Washington College graduate, as was their mother.

Barbara Wygal Birdson (Suffolk, Va.) has four daughters and three grandchildren, including a set of twins. She runs a day-care center in Suffolk.

Sara E. Bowles Gallagher (Culpeper, Va.) is a retired medical technologist who worked at Mary Washington Hospital and Culpeper Memorial Hospital. She was married to the late John W. Gallagher Jr. She has two children.

Aldeen L. Burton Markle (Newington, Va.) is an assistant professor of education at Marymount University in Arlington and an adjunct professor for James Madison University. She taught in the Fairfax County schools until she retired in 1988. In 1978, she earned an M.A. from Antioch and won an Ed.D. from Peabody College/Vanderbilt in 1982. She has also served as an adjunct professor at George Mason University. "Deen" has been active in professional organizations and worked on the Virginia Standards of Learning. She served on

the board of directors for the Society for School Librarians. She is married to Herbert Markle, who is retired from the High Vision Lab of the Department of Defense. Deen remembers our special dorm activities and the atmosphere of the beautiful campus. Her daughter, Leah Lynneth, is a civil engineer for the city of Los Angeles.

Susan Canter (Los Angeles) earned her Juris Doctor from Whittier College School of Law in 1977. She served as deputy district attorney for Los Angeles County until her retirement. Susan is married to Earl F. Riley, who is a retired judge of the Superior Court of California.

Carol Carter (Bishopville, S.C.) has retired from teaching. During her career, she was named Teacher of the Year for Raleigh, N.C., in 1968 and is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society for outstanding teachers.

Ann Chilton Power (Remington, Va.) and Albert have three sons (an attorney in Washington, a newspaper reporter for the Dallas Morning News, and a night-managing editor of a newspaper in Tennessee). They live on a farm near Warrenton that was originally the home of her grandparents. It was founded in 1982 by her father's cousin. She also writes part time for the local newspaper.

Elizabeth Davies Morie (Staunton, Va.) served as superintendent of schools for the city of Lexington, Va., and is now teaching and supervising student teachers and student administrators for James Madison University.

Diana A. Diaz Quintana (Kissimmee, Fla.) followed her sister **Mary Jean Diaz** '52 to MWC. She is a sales representative for K-mart in Kissimmee and is married to William Quintana, who is retired. They have five children and six grandchildren. Diana continues to be interested in all kinds of sports, including volleyball, and remembers enjoying the numerous activities of the Spanish group including the Spanish volleyball team that "beat everybody." In addition, she particularly remembers her roommates. It was such a pleasure to have the opportunity to talk to her again!

Mary Jane Fitchette Elliott (Eastville, Va.) is the deputy clerk of the Northampton County Circuit Court. She is married to William David Elliott, who is the director of Public Works for Northampton County on the Eastern Shore of Va.

Sallie Hairston Bullock (Atlanta, Ga.) reports that she manages a farm in Pittsylvania County, Va., by long distance. She received an M.A. from Georgia State in 1980. Sallie has two children. She wants us to know that, "I'm happy, busy and making progress of moving from one set of problems to a better set of problems in my personal life and on my farm."

Louise Hanselman Bowman (Richmond, Va.) has been married to Jasper for 36 years. They have five children: Carole lives in Fredericksburg working on a third degree, John is a monk in France, Anne Marie graduated from Longwood College, Stephen works as a salesman for Carleton Scales and Mary K. graduated from MWC two years ago, and does computer mapping for Mapcom Systems. Louise and Jasper have lived in Richmond since 1960. In 1994, they had a mini-reunion with **Bev Almond Tucker** and **Susan Borke Grasberger. Ann Johnson Hill**, who has since died of renal cancer, was the fourth person at the mini-reunion. Louise says that everyone misses her a lot!

Sally Ann Jackson Doyle (Opelika, Ala.) is a homemaker and a part-time teacher of French and ballet. She has taught ballet classes at her church and French classes to homeschooled children, thus, sharing her love of both disciplines with others. Sally has been married to Peter Reese Doyle, a clergyman and writer, for 40 years. They have two children. Sally finished her M.A. in French at Auburn University in 1984. She reports, "Peter is the author of the very successful teen adventure books *The Daring Adventure Series* published by Focus on the Family Co...buy from your local Christian bookstore.

Josephine McPherson Heslep (Richmond) is married to Donald B. Heslep. They have two children and one grandchild; Mark received his master's in electrical engineering at U.Va.; Donald Jr., a real estate agent, owns a car wash, and also owns Richmond Helicopters; and Josephine and Donald work in their own construction business (large custom homes and commercial) and, since 1975, have phased in self-storage. They have five Blue and Grey Self Storage locations in the Richmond area.

Barbara Mead Heishman (Clifton, Va.) married Hugh Heishman, who is an upscale automobile dealer (Porsche, Audi and BMW). They have two children.

Carolyn Miller Schrader (Hingham, Mass.) is a volunteer gallery instructor at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. She is married to William Schrader, who is retired, and they have two children. Carolyn enjoys teaching art appreciation, downhill skiing, tennis, gardening, reading and "grandmothering."

Yolanda Montano (Condado, Puerto Rico) reports that she is married and divorced, and has one son. Yolanda travels a lot in her business, and twice a year she works at High Point, N.C. She has the biggest furniture market in the United States in order to buy for her customers in Puerto Rico. She is a sales representative for furniture and gift shops and is the agent for furniture and accessories for the States.

Dixie Moore Kirby (Roxboro, N.C.) continued her studies at Lynchburg General School of Medical Technology and received her certification in 1955. She worked as a medical technologist and in newspaper advertising and is now retired. She sends us the following report:

"I lived in Henderson, N.C., for 32 years with my late husband Charles Anderson, who died in 1989.... Most recently, I returned to the hospital as volunteer director. I have remarried Dr. Wallace Kirby, a retired Methodist minister, whose late wife, Sally, died in 1987. I have three children and three grandchildren. Wallace has four children and three grandchildren. We now enjoy our new home in Roxboro."

Dixie remembers the superb faculty and administration, the beautiful facilities, the interesting and varied student body, and the "pretty good" food. She enjoyed eating family style with the same eight girls every day!

Jewel Patton Weaver (Surfside, S.C.) graduated with a B.A. in Spanish. She is married to James C. Weaver, an engineer with AT&T (now retired). They have two children. Jewel lists her favorite memories as the MWC marching band and the Day Student's Lounge.

Mary Lewis Peck Baxter (Gulf Breeze, Fla.) is retired, as is her husband, John Baxter. They have one son, John Jr.

Elaine Philips Powell (Roanoke, Va.) earned another B.S. in physical therapy a year after earning her B.S. at MWC. She is married to H. Fleet Powell, who is a minister, and they have three children and three grandchildren. Elaine enjoys her life as a minister's wife with all that job entails. She also provides child care for a grandchild and visits her parents in Richmond regularly.

Catherine Pizzuti Petraiuolo (New Haven, Conn.) has been married to Edward for 40 years. Edward is a retired school administrator. Catherine taught high school English for two years and then managed real estate with her husband. They have four children. Edward III, a business editor of *The Register and Journal Courier*, died in 1987 of cancer. William has three children and is a general surgeon at University Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. John is a corporate trainer for Subway Inc. Catherine Mary is a pediatric oncologist at Yale Children's Hospital. Catherine loves to travel; having been almost around the world, throughout the USA, Europe, Russia, etc. She is busy with volunteer work, was recently president of the Volunteer Action Center of the Greater New Haven area and has been president of the Charity League and the New Haven Symphony and Orchestra. She raises funds for the local hospital and is a Special Olympics volunteer.

Marilyn Platt Goodlett (San Jose, Calif.) is an artist. She is retired from her job as a professional gallery potter but does both pottery and painting. She has had several one-woman shows in both media. Marilyn is married to William Campbell Goodlett IV who is retired from IBM, and they have two children. In addition to art activities, she is interested in classical music, duplicate bridge, good friends and flea markets. She particularly remembers the fencing club, weekends away, misty rain and the beautiful campus.

Elizabeth Poteet Pollard (Petersburg, Va.) has four children and three granddaughters. She enjoys her family and friends very much. She also reports the following:

Mary Gayle Buchanan (Annapolis, Md.) has been working at the Naval Academy.

Constance "Connie" Hook Felvey lives in Dallas and has a summer home near Irvington, so she comes to Virginia often.

Hermie Gross Fox and her husband, Kerry, are still in Fullerton, Calif. Cary had an oat cell carcinoma of the lung with a brain metastasis, has been radiated and is now in remission. He retired in Dec. 1994 but took ill so did not have his retirement party until September 1995. They are planning a trip East as well as one to Long Beach, and have been to Laughlin, Nev., to gamble a couple of times. Their daughter, Jennie, is assistant to the president of Texas Screw Products. Her son, John, is finishing up his old job for Pace Inc. and then wants to go to graduate school in ergonomics. Her mother, Mildred Gross, is now in a nursing home in San Diego.

Page Richardson Coulthard (Sugar Grove, Va.) is married to Bob. They have two children and four grandchildren. Page is a media specialist at Marion Senior High School in Marion, Va. She states that they love to hike and garden and that she will retire soon.

Beverly Rodgers Whitley (Suffolk, Va.)

completed her R.N. at Stuart Circle Hospital. She retired a year ago after teaching practical nursing in the Suffolk public schools for 20 years. She notes that she went into nursing because she was determined *not* to teach and ended up teaching anyway. Beverly is married to William Whitley, also a retired educator, who now works for a construction company. They have two children and three grandchildren. She reports that she is an active member of church, her garden club and her 34-year-old bridge club, and she also likes to quilt. Bev's favorite memories include "being drowned in instruction swimming classes," Dr. Black's biology notebook, writing papers for Mr. Kelly, shaky chemistry experiments, having to sign out, fire drills with cigarettes left on the beds and weekends at RMC.

Mary-Louise "Red" Rosaneli Metzger (Richmond, Va.) travels every six months to Italy to enjoy friends, food, fun and cultural beauty. She has just returned from the Holy Land and will go to Egypt in February 1997. She lost her husband seven years ago. The youngest of their children, Joseph, is a Roman Catholic priest and the pastor of St. Theresa's in Farmville, Va. Red has also been busy with repairs on her house as a result of a bad storm.

Emma Spear Ellis (St. Auburn, W.Va.) was with us for two years. This was her first reunion, and she was accompanied by her husband, Donald. She has three children and a one grandson. Emma was a school cook for many years, has now retired, and is enjoying herself.

Barbara J. Timmons Dempsey (Hartwood, Va.) taught school in Stafford County and retired after 29 years. She is married to Lindsey Dempsey, who is also retired, and they have two children and one grandchild. Barbara enjoys sewing, stitching, writing, reading, and walking five times a week with other retired teachers. She works as co-director of her church's Sunday school and enjoys sitting with her grandson.

June Ann Tingler Buie (Newport Beach, Calif.), whose mother graduated from MWC in 1918, completed the requirements for a B.A. at U.N.C. Chapel Hill and earned an M.A. from the University of Missouri. She is a retired educational psychologist, is a licensed educational psychologist and a marriage, family and child therapist. She is married to Marion Buie (who is in real estate); they have three children. "I'm still the same — haven't changed much — having a great time — don't feel any older — but realize I look it." She remembers wonderful people from MWC, many of whom she sees, corresponds with or visits. She calls to mind the fun songfests with Ozzie!

Margaret Uhler Adcock (Annandale, Va.) has been a guidance counselor at Woodbridge Senior High in Prince George County for the past six years. She retired from the Fairfax County system after 26 years and plans to complete 40 years of education. She has an M.A. in education, guidance and educational psychology from Southern Illinois University. Marge has two children. Her MWC memories are of Mary Ellen Stephenson and the Doctors Dodd. She also remembers Katherine Hopper, who was her guidance counselor and later served on the MWC Board of Visitors.

Nanalou West Sauder (Lexington, Va.) is finishing up 26 years of teaching history and government at Lexington High School and its successor, Rockbridge County High School. Her studies included a summer at Oxford University. She and William celebrated their 40th anniversary last June. Their children, Anne MWC '80 and Lee, also live in Rockbridge County. She plans to take early retirement in June. Nanalou was appointed to the MWC Board of Visitors in 1990. She is active in Democratic Party politics as a member of the local, district and Virginia Democratic Committees and was the first woman ever elected to the Rockbridge County Board of Supervisors, winning by five votes in 1979. She ran for the General Assembly in 1982 and 1983 but lost, and she was elected to the Boards of Supervisors again in November 1995 — this time with 59 percent of the votes.

Peggy Louise Wood Wright (Edinburg, Va.) states that her husband, Ed, retired from teaching but is still doing some preaching. He received his doctorate of ministry in 1989. Peggy still teaches third grade. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Finally your agent, **Louise Wilkes Robertson-Monroe** (Richmond, Va.), wants to thank **Susan Borke Grasberger** for helping me with a lot of the news. I have been extremely busy with work since the reunion and am now leaving for vacation, first to go to a family wedding and then to go on to Chatauqua, N.Y. My husband, Bill Monroe, enjoys working the yard, cooking and is a lay reader at St. Stephen's Church in Richmond. Yours truly likes the piano and singing outside her work as a pediatrician and pediatric cardiologist. Good bye for now!

1957

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1958

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To everyone who answered the questionnaire, many thanks!

This has been a busy year for each and every one of us. However, to those who didn't answer the letter, we truly hope you'll find a few spare minutes to jot us a note so you can share your good times in 1995 with our other classmates.

Come 1998, we'd love to see many of you, so don't forget to mark off your calendars for our big 40th. Can you believe it? Of course, more will follow regarding the reunion.

Patricia Ellis Archer indicated that 1996 would be a big transition year for her as she hopes to retire from her job at Fairfax County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Also, she teaches part time at Northern Virginia Community College in the travel and tourism program. Her goal is to move to a new location and get a new job. Good luck to Pat. Her main love is traveling, and in 1995 she went to Alaska and Grand Cayman.

Fay Purcell Parke Cantrell frequently travels to Europe, Canada, Mexico and to the Caribbean. Formerly she worked as counselor coordinator for Anderson County schools. Since she is retired, this gives her more time to travel. She enjoys living on their farm caring for roses, irises and many other flowers.

In 1955, **Kay Martin Britto** moved to Wrightville Beach, N.C., where she and her family used to frequently vacation. Wouldn't we all love this! Kay says the skies are blue and 73 degrees in Dec. Wow! She chose this location so they could visit her senior roommate, **Anne DePorey McGrath**, who lives there. Kay spends her day working a few hours at the public library and doing other volunteer commitments. Kay and Nelson miss Virginia, so they return for frequent visits.

Barbara Morris Donald retired in 1995 and her husband was on a sabbatical until this past June. Both of their children live in Arizona, so they plan to move closer to them. They vacation frequently in Bar Harbor, Maine. Would love to live there but it's too cold. Since both of their parents are still living, they will probably stay in Pa. a bit longer.

Susannah Godlove is employed in a psychiatric hospital as a psychiatric social worker and is working toward her clinical social work exam. In her free time, she visited **Betty Gould Storms** and **Carol Lehmann**.

Carol Ann McMahon has been to the Winter Olympics, San Diego and Napa Valley for a ballooning trip. On her trip to France she did a barging trip. Highly recommends this to everyone. When at home she works as a docent at the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Anne Gregory enjoyed a nice trip to Mexico City last summer.

Dorothy Dalton Crossan, a junior high phys. ed. teacher (honorary), retired in 1995. She is a grandmother of two boys and a mother of three. Soon she plans to move to her new home in Smith Mountain Lake, Va.

Patricia Short had a stroke in 1987, which forced her to retire from teaching government in the local school system. Since her retirement, she has continued to collect dolls — antique, collectors, little ones, big ones. Last Christmas she displayed part of her collection at Avoca, a historic museum in Altavista, Va. She also collects political buttons.

Mary Lou Morris Wolsey is still living in St. Paul, Minn., and is working in the language department as assoc. prof. of French at the university. Another MWC grad working there is **Mary Kidd Gochberg** '69, who teaches Spanish and is a great admirer of Carmen Riviera. Russian Professor Sister Mary Catherine Shambour, who taught one year at MWC in the '70s, is also there. Wayne and Mary Lou have a daughter living close by, and a son, who is an ordained minister, lives in Denver. Mary Lou's mother, 90, lives in Farmville, Va.

1959

Edna G. Trudeau
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Hello!

No news is good news does not apply to us! Girls — what's happening? I know you grandmothers are busy with those grandchildren but....

Did hear from **Kay Rowe Hayes.** Don, though retired, is working part time as an apprentice to a locksmith and has thoroughly enjoyed the predicaments that necessitate his

expertise. Should he write a book? Karen has an interesting job with Eco-Sys. Tom and Robin have moved to the Baltimore area. Tom is in management for Office Depot and Robin is working with victims of spinal injuries. Kay continues her political action commitments. She and **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** spent a day together in D.C. during the holidays.

Martha Spilman Clark wrote that her daughter, Janie, and her two granddaughters have returned to the good old U.S. of A. John is requesting a transfer to Raleigh, and Billy continues to teach fifth grade. Martha and Paul continue their mission work in Lima.

My "baby" is a U.Va. graduate! Isn't that hard to believe? She is taking an intense business course at Charlottesville for six weeks so that she will be prepared for any business field she enters, hopefully. Then off to the headhunters — thank God!

Write some postcards, people! Love ya!

1960

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1961

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From Ann:

Reunion weekend June 1996 found the Class of 1961 confirming our now well-established reputation as "the noisiest class." (We '61ers prefer calling ourselves "the enthusiastic class." We just cheer loudly every time — that is, *every time* — we hear "1961.") After sweltering at the last reunion, most returnees opted for a cozy motel this time. Of course, the weather was cool and breezy. The "Best Western singles" congregated; **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom**, taking a break from building her Richmond home, and I drove up from Richmond on Friday (I'd flown to Raleigh and sneaked in a visit with my daughter). Trim little **Lynne Williams Neave** came down from New York City with gorgeous **Carolyn Crum Pannu**, visiting from California and still talking enthusiastically about her ski trip to Italy. Already installed in their rooms were that tall, long-legged, red-headed **Pepper Jacobs Germer** from Arkansas and reunion first-timer **Mary LeBlanc Ingle** from San Diego, who'd already "cut" her first class.

We all piled into Lloyd's car and headed off to the Anderson's cocktail party at Brompton where we ran into the "Best Western couples contingent": fun-loving Jim and **Patty Cairns Hourin** from Mississippi and Patty's roomie and sister-in-law **Dee Doran Cairns** and Doug, who drove up from Alabama; dear **Marcy Trembath Pitkin** and her sweet hubby, Steve, recently moved to Pensacola, Fla.; perky **Patsy Whitehead Towle** and Brad, from their new retirement life on Cape Cod; and travelers Bill and **Ellen Gotwalt Willing**, beautifully dressed as usual. Marathoners Peter and **Jean Thornhill Ulrich**, retired and back in art school, decided to stay in the dorms and were looking for blankets. We managed to get very noisy and soon scooted off to Seacobeck for the Italian buffet.

After dinner we were off to Belmont for a candlelight tour. While in the visitor's center, we ran into **Vesta Smith Newhouse** and **Sue Southern Roush,** who were staying with **Cherry Sarff Everett** at her home in Port Royal. Back at the motel we giggled and told stories 'til the wee small hours, just like those long-ago, wonderful nights in the dorms.

Morning found us at classes back on campus, buying out the bookstore, and congregating by the new fountain by Monroe for the picnic and our class picture. Checked into the motel and joining us at the picnic were Andy, recovering from foot surgery, and **Connie Booth Logothetis**, recovering from their daughter's wedding, and **Sue Wilson Garms,** who looks terrific and is going back to school for a master's in speech therapy. A bunch of '61ers came for the day and added admirably to our noise level when they called for our class picture. **Carol Schock Furman** came from Charlottesville; **Nancy Brooks Blevins** from the Eastern Shore; **Marge Gilfoyle Powell** from Norfolk; from Richmond, **Jane Hoffman,** who is really enjoying retirement; **Cay Whichard Lewis;** and **Nancy Woolfolk Agee**. **Sarah Leigh Kinberg**, looking happy and healthy, came from California. She was visiting **Susan Deane Tatum** and **Pat Hurley Pickeral**, who finished their degrees at U.Va. in the nursing program, and convinced them to come for the day, too.

After a nostalgic dorm tour, a piano and "gospel concert" led by Pepper in the Willard lobby (they really don't know what to make of us there), we had our class meeting. We began sharing information on non-attending classmates: **Vicky Biggers Hinshaw** is very successful at writing regency romance novels under the name *Summit Waln*; **Sandy Walters Julifs** is deeply involved in issues relating to poverty and the homeless in Sterling, Ill.; **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** and her husband volunteered with emergency Families for Children, providing temporary shelter in Great Falls, Va.; **Betty Marchant George** is in human resources and specializes in sexual harassment problems. Her son was being married that day. Twins **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland** and **Judith Saunders Slifer** had other obligations, making them miss a reunion for the first time. **Rudi Smits Watkins** is living in Hawaii and not among the "missing." **Ann Elekes Nichols** continues to successfully exhibit her art work. **Judi Early Toxie** is principal of a middle school in Silver Spring and will retire soon.

Faith Moss Prescott teaches in a middle school and is very happy with her hubby, cats and music; **Pat Pollock McFarland** has successfully battled breast cancer and is living each day to its fullest; **Jane Riles** has made a CD-rom for French Entertainment called *French to Go*; **Kay Slaughter** is an attorney and the vice mayor of Charlottesville; **Betty Ann Smith Robertson** and her husband are in the travel business in Crozier, Va.; **Carole Scruggs Taylor** has retired from teaching and moved to beautiful western N.C.; **Elaine Smith Koenig** lives a happy, productive life filled with work, children and grandchildren in Surfside Beach, S.C.; **Marge Strickler Hatcher** retired from teaching high school and is enjoying watching her three grandchildren grow up; **Ellen Grumbly deGail** is enjoying grandchildren and retirement living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland; **Lynne Wilson Rupert** retired from teaching, and she and Jim took a four-month, 10,000 mile trip in their RV. We ended the meeting by vowing to getting everyone involved in finding as many of those "missing" classmates as we can.

Our minds reeling from so much input, we dashed back to the motel, threw on our party clothes and headed back to campus for a cocktail party honoring the big contributing reunion classes (thanks to *all* of our classmates) at the new art gallery and then to the big banquet. **Betty Graves** and **Nellie Leary Norris** joined us at the dinner after a frustrating day of trying to get to Fredericksburg from the Virginia Beach area. Patty's Jim Hourin kept them (all of us) supplied with wine, Jeanne's Peter Ulrich kept us on the edge of our chairs with NASA stories, and the speakers said "1961" enough times to make us hoarse. **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock**, as a former Alumni Award-winner, got her name enthusiastically cheered even though she was in Ireland — first reunion she had missed. We danced, but we missed **Polly Updegraff Champ** and her chair in the Eagles Nest and finally sleepily retired to the motel after a long day.

Everyone headed home on Sunday — Lloyd, Lynne, Carolyn and I went on to a mini-reunion in New York, where we hooked up with **Peggy Howard Hodgkins,** who was recovering from a bout with shingles. Sadly, Andy and Connie were rushing home as they had received news that her mother had passed away that morning. As cars revved up, trains were caught and planes took off, all of us plotted to make it back in five years for the 40th and are pledged to get a lot more of our classmates to join us for the fun.

1962

Mary Chamber Hodnett Minozzi
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Our own **Carolyn Schulz Davidson** passed away in January 1996. She and Doug, USMC, had traveled extensively and had two children. Carolyn taught school and formed and directed church choirs. It was my pleasure to speak with Mrs. Schulz after I heard about Carolyn. Such a sweet mother; how sad it all is. **Carol Shiflet Hansen** wrote me a note about Carolyn, her lovely voice, their travels and their good times together.

I heard from **Joyce Lyons Terhes** — what can I say?! This lady is unbelievable in her accomplishments. It's great to claim her as one of our own! After leaving MWC with a B.A. in history, Joyce completed graduate work in history at the University of Maryland. Since 1989, she has been chairman of the Maryland Republican Party, and from 1986 to 1994 was on the board of county commissioners. Joyce has been very involved with teacher training sessions for English and social studies, and has been cited twice as Prince George's County

Outstanding Educator. She has conducted seminars in Moscow for the International Republican Institute, was a delegate to the Republican National Convention 1988 and 1992, and has been chairman of voter registration for the Maryland Republican Party. Additionally, Joyce is a member of Jesus, the Good Shepherd Catholic Church, and has co-authored many publications, which include *U.S.S.R.; The Middle East; Prince George's County; The United States, Book I, Exploration and Colonization;* and *The United States, Book II, The Birth of a New Country.* Joyce has authored *Community Captains' Handbook* and has been editor of *$100,000 Reward.*

When we were at our time-share at Powhatan Plantation in Williamsburg recently, I received a call from **Garnette Lewis Doggett.** In her retirement, she is never idle; gardening, doing church work and being a caregiver to members of her family. She and Billy and grandchildren were leaving the next morning for Lancaster, Pa.

Being in Beta of ADK has proven to be interesting and rewarding. My "sisters" are supportive, and altruism and education are our thrusts, not to mention having a great time together.

Tina Hutcheson Olson and husband Ole stay busy making their POD products, traveling and gardening. Booth Bay, Maine, agrees with them!

Let's not put off getting together again at the reunion and enjoying each others' companionship. We're getting older! Also, please consider being your class agent or co-class agent. It is a satisfying job, and everybody should have the position at least once — your classmates will appreciate you.

1963

Ginger Logie Carr
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Framingham, MA 01701

Barbara Booth Green
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1964

Frances Gaze Loftis
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Helen Vakos Standing
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It was nice to hear from **Brenda Eanes Wall,** who lives in Collinsville, Va. Both Brenda and I have taught at Fieldale Collinsville High School. **Peggy Griggs Harper,** an Episcopal priest, is rector at Christ the King in Huntington, Ind. She and A.C. have been married for 31 years and have four children all in or through college. **Karen Stanford Shelton** '66 had a Best in Show work at a recent art showing in Virginia. Karen is an accomplished professional artist working in watercolors. Speaking of watercolors, **Pat Adkins Hawks** and I took a watercolors class at Longwood's continuing education center in South Boston. We had a great time and produced several interesting works, but I doubt that we give Karen a lot of competition in this medium. Pat is a fourth-grade teacher at C.H. Friend School in South Boston. Her children are students in Blacksburg, so she says her heart is at MWC but her money goes to Virginia Tech. **Mary Ann Denham** is with the Food and Drug Administration and lives in Maryland. Mary Ann is President of Soroptimist International of Upper Montgomery County, Md., and enjoys that organization very much.

1965

Alice Funkhouser Flowers
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1966

Katharine Rogers Lavery
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Our class meeting at the reunion was a great success. There were several members who were attending for the first time, thanks to the urgings of the rest of you, and many members who returned after attending other reunions. **Barbara Bishop Mann**, our coordinator, mentioned that she had attended all of our reunions and was volunteering to be our coordinator again for our 35th reunion in 2001, now that she has begun to learn how to do it after all these years. Bobbi is still teaching, though now it's second grade instead of fifth grade. She has had a most unusual year this session because she is recovering from two surgeries, but she and husband Bob are now both very well and are preparing to celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary. Bobbi brought greetings from **Grace Marie Bamforth Garriott**, absent because of a graduation and a wedding, from **Pat Johnson Orgain**, also tied up with "Mom things this weekend," from **Mary Katherine Rowell Horne**, who was away on company business, from **Sally Souder**, and from **Marty Spiegel.** Bobbi was all set to visit Marty in Minnesota a few months ago while attending an NEA convention, but Marty left for France an hour before Bobbi arrived!

Jana Privette Usry traveled with Bobbi from Richmond and has requested that the Class of '66 consider taking a cruise together before the next reunion. She is setting up an e-mail address so you can contact her if you wish to participate. Meanwhile, Jana has gotten her license as secondary school principal, secondary school supervisor and special education supervisor. Unfortunately someone else is enjoying her new credentials because she left the certificate in the copy machine at the post office. Jana was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa last May, is now serving as administrative assistant half a day and teaching half a day a Henrico High School, and is also working to become a court-certified mediator, perhaps to start her own business in a few years. At present, Jana is still renovating her home, which she shares with her four-legged, furry child, Teddy, a 7-year-old Shih Tzu.

Anne Claggett Willcox, our most faithful correspondent, finally attended a reunion. She and husband John are enjoying their new home in Orlean, Va., just doing lots of work outdoors and otherwise taking it easy.

The Goddard twins are at long last back together. **Kathleen Goddard Moss** just moved back to Virginia after 14 years in Cleveland, Ohio, and is only 10 minutes away from sister **Eileen Goddard Albrigo**. Kathleen's husband, Tom, is working for the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., while Kathleen is enjoying being between jobs as a social worker. All of their children are grown and out of the nest. Their oldest daughter, Ellen, is married and living in Spain. Son Joseph is working in Washington, D.C., aspiring to be a sportscaster. Daughter Cheryl is working in a day care center in Dayton, Ohio, and son David is married and working in an auto shop in Cleveland. Kathleen and Tom "adopted" another daughter as a young adult, who is newly married and working as a school psychologist in San Francisco. Kathleen's own experience with adopted children led her to the field of special needs adoption, which she finds exciting and challenging. Kathleen and Tom celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary the day before our reunion!

Eileen Goddard Albrigo still lives in Falls Church, Va., is married to her high school sweetheart, who is an orthopedic surgeon. Eileen now works at home doing the medical records on the computer. All three of their children graduated within two weeks of the reunion: Elizabeth from O'Connell High School, Kevin from Villanova University, Todd from a master's program at the University of Virginia. Their "baby" is attending Georgetown University in the fall, but the boys are coming back home to live, just to keep Eileen from empty-nest depression.

Ann Martin Allen traveled from Normal, Ill., to join us. Ann is a graduate student at Illinois State in speech pathology and audiology. She is really enjoying the challenge. Two of her daughters also attend Illinois State and a third daughter attends University High, the halo school of the university. Ann joined **Ann Kales Lindblom** for the last leg of the trip. "Kalesy" has been a camp-follower to a Marine for nearly 30 years. She and husband Steve have raised "three terrific kids." Now that Steve is retired from the Marines, he and Ann are enjoying their empty nest, and Ann is now working part time at George Mason University in research for nurse practitioner education.

Another first-timer was **Carole Trent Fletcher**, also from Northern Virginia. Carole has been teaching English for many years while raising four children with her husband, who has recently retired from teaching. Now that their children are grown, Carole and hubby are enjoying a more leisurely lifestyle.

Linda Bausserman traveled from Cranston, R.I., to attend her first reunion. To relax from her medical teaching duties, Linda has taken up her viola again. Her big news, however, is that she adopted an 8-year-old daughter nine years ago, before it became fashionable to be a single mother, and has thoroughly enjoyed her motherhood status. That prompted **Sharon Horner Butts** to tell us all that she had been a surrogate mother for 14 children and was presently eight months pregnant with another! Actually, she has two children in graduate schools in Washington, D.C., and a 15-year-old son still at home. She has lived in Virginia Beach since 1975 with her husband. Sharon does have a fascinating plan about a Class of '66 Eldercare Bus, staffed with handsome young men to facilitate our declining years. Please send all requests for further information from Sharon through your class

correspondent, and they'll be forwarded to her.

Susana Roth Nurin braved the trip alone from Annapolis, having recently separated from her husband. She was disappointed to miss **Yvonne March** and **Betsy Chappelear Tryon**, but Yvonne was away at a wedding and Betsy was just returning from a Mediterranean cruise with her sister. Susana proudly told us of her son's accomplishments as a trumpet player and that her daughter is now a graduate of Tufts University, "doing her own thing" far away from home. Susana reminded us that even though we might not have been close friends during our MWC years, we still have a very important strong common bond. If you are ever in the Baltimore area, Susana invites you to visit her.

Susan Williams Rura, also from the Baltimore area, has just retired after 25 years of service with the National Security Agency. She thoroughly enjoyed her work and misses it. Her husband continues to work as an electronics engineer with the Defense Department. Their daughter worked as a chef in a hotel in Les Baux de Provence France last summer and is presently working in the culinary arts while pursuing a degree in anthropology.

Another recent retiree, **Susan Hanes Orrison**, joined us for the first time. Sue is enjoying the freedom to travel, ride horseback and take up the piano again. Last fall she toured Arizona in a rental car, did New Orleans in the spring and is planning a trip to Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria soon followed by a separate jaunt to Colorado. She credits **Greg Sheehan Arthur** with convincing her to come back to MWC and found it a worthwhile trip. To keep her mind occupied, Sue is doing volunteer work and participates in a therapeutic horseback riding program for handicapped children, which she particularly enjoys.

Greg Sheehan Arthur drove in from Lynchburg to meet Sue and the rest of us. She, too, has been traveling although it is a new experience for her, which she thinks she could easily get used to. Greg took a "fantastic and inspiring" trip to Israel in February and went to Florida in March and Bermuda in May. She has just completed 10 years in the Free Clinic of the Central Virginia Board, but continues to be on the board of the New Vistas School, a small school for children with learning disabilities. Both of Greg and Angie's daughters have completed college: Elizabeth was graduated from Mary Washington in 1989; Alice from William and Mary in 1991. Alice is currently studying physical therapy at the Medical College of Virginia. Husband Angie continues in his dental practice and his hobbies of gardening, golf and watercoloring. Greg and Angie are enjoying their "life after children" in Lynchburg, Va.

Lois Rucker Scott, from Arlington, reports that the 30th reunion was great fun! Next time everybody come! Lois and Sam are approaching their 28th wedding anniversary and have two daughters. Melanie is a 1995 graduate of William and Mary and got snowed in at home after her wedding during the 1996 blizzard. Now she and her new husband live in California. Holly is currently at William and Mary. Lois does administrative work in a Falls Church physician's office, and Sam practices occupational medicine in Washington, D.C.

A group from Dumfries, Va., included **Dale Quel Woods**, **Mary Ann Pyne White**, **Candy Schumacher Jepsen** and **Susan Bogese McLaughlin.** Dale has returned to the Woodbridge area after spending the last 25 years moving to various locations in the United States and overseas, most recently from the Marshall Islands, where she taught fifth grade. She is now an assistant teacher in an emotionally disturbed elementary school class. Dale's husband retired from the Marine Corps in 1987 and is currently co-owner of Coastal International, a security firm. Their daughter, Lisa, is a senior at American University, and daughter Sarah, a graduate of American University, is working there in the admissions office. Dale brought news of **Carolee Prosise Taylor,** who is living and working as a real estate agent in the Williamsburg area.

Susan Bogese McLaughlin, from Hopewell, Va., was very busy planning her daughter's wedding, but reported that her own marital status had changed since the last reunion. Susan is now divorced and is enjoying life very much at the moment. She is still the administrator for the Department of Neurology at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Mary Ann White accompanied Dale and Susan, having come from Manassas, where she and her family have lived for 20 years. Her husband is retired from the Marine Corps, but Mary Ann continues to teach special education classes at a local public high school. Their son, Chris, lives on the big island of Hawaii, and daughter, Courtney, lives in Manhattan.

The fourth member of that group, **Candy Schumacher Jepsen** traveled from Victoria, Texas, to attend our reunion. She moved there from Houston in October last year and proudly reports that her two daughters are students at Texas A & M. In her spare time, Candy teaches needlework in a local craft shop.

Also from Texas from San Antonio, we had **Pam Kearney Patrick** and husband "Tab." They have returned from Korea but miss it and their Korean friends. Pam is now working on a contract for Harcourt-Brace Psychological Testing for scoring tests. She and Tab expect to spend two and a half years in San Antonio and invite any itinerant classmates to stay in their extra bedroom with bath if you're in the area.

Our Pennsylvania representative was **Linda Hutchinson**, from a suburb of Pittsburgh, where she wishes there were an alumni chapter. Linda is in her ninth year of teaching 5-year-olds in preschool and is able to travel during the summer. Her daughter, Shannon, is entering Mary Washington this fall. Linda would like to have some news of **Donna White Mommana** who spent two years in our class before transferring to Charlottesville for nursing.

Kathy Fowler Flattery traveled from Charlotte, N.C., where she has lived for 23 years. She has spent 12 years working in human resources for Duke Power Company and 20 years volunteering in church and civic life.

Betty Birkhead Vickers joined us from the Gatlinburg, Tenn., area where she has spent 14 years working for the Center for Business and Economic Research of the University of Tennessee. Betty is currently pursuing a master's degree in planning. She and her former Marine husband, an attorney, have three children. Ned graduated from the University of Tennessee with a B.S. in mechanical engineering, a B.A. in Japanese and world business, and plans to pursue a M.B.A./J.D. Rebecca is a junior in marketing at the University of Tennessee, and Margaret Anne has just returned from a year away as an exchange student in Costa Rica.

Margaret Haning Mecredy, after spending 25 years in Rochester, N.Y., finally returned to Virginia. Margaret received a master's degree from Case Western University in biometry in 1968. She worked for Parke-Davis Pharmaceutical Research in Ann Arbor, Mich., while her husband, Bob, completed his doctorate. They moved to Rochester in 1971 and Margaret worked at the Medical Center at the University of Rochester for 10 years. Since then, Margaret has been a full-time homemaker with Bob and two sons, Dan, 19, and John, 13. Dan is a junior at the College of Wooster in Ohio.

Diane Nottingham Ward joined us from San Diego. She and husband Nat have been there since 1974 and have celebrated their 31st anniversary. They have two sons, Quint and Sam. Quint, 30, recently married a lovely "daughter," so their family of two sons, two dogs, four cats and four bunnies is increasing at last. Diane keeps busy running her own CPA firm.

Our last long-distance traveler was **Ginny Bateman Brinkley,** from Jacksonville, Fla. Ginny continues to publish books and pamphlets nationwide about pregnancy, coping with teen pregnancy and prevention of pregnancy. She brought samples for us all to see, along with photos of **Ryan Stewart Davis**, who was unable to attend. Ginny displayed her cow tattoo (in private, of course) and claims that you missed not only that, but also wearing jeans in the dining hall, buying beer on campus and having a really good time!

Kay Boyd Dahl accompanied Sharon Horner Butts, but after Sharon's story about surrogate motherhood Kay didn't have much to say! Kay works as a personnel recruiter for Nations Bank, is married to George and will be experiencing the empty-nest syndrome as soon as son George leaves to enter the University of Virginia as an Echols scholar. Then Kay will have only George, gardening and their cat, Chrissie, to tell us about.

I can happily testify that the empty-nest syndrome has a happy ending. My two daughters are grown, graduated from college, and self-supporting — one is married and about to have a child. So my family has grown of its own accord, and I have married again, to Hank, a very family-oriented person with five grown children and eight small grandchildren whom I adore, especially since they all live very close to us and visit frequently. Three of the granddaughters have been born since our wedding, making me a practiced grandmother before any full-blooded grandchildren arrived. Also, our house is full, too, now that Hank's mother has moved from Long Island to live with us. My life is so full and rewarding that I have decided to retire from teaching after next year to devote full time to the family. My teaching career has been extremely fulfilling over the past 30 years, but it's time for the next chapter. In fact, when I first began teaching, one of my students was older than I was! I am continuing as our class correspondent (I'm on a roll) so keep those cards and letters coming, or note the fax number; it's right here at home.

Other local classmates from Northern Virginia included **Lee Enos Kelley** and **Joan**

Cuccias Patton. Lee is looking forward to retiring at 54 after 18 years as a clinical social worker in Arlington County, working with adolescents and their families. Her own experience with her 11-year-old son keeps her and her husband young, though at times it makes them feel very old. Joan says her children were out of the house but some have returned to live at home and the others are nearby. Her 23 years at Lee High School has included teaching the children of our classmates, **Carole Trent Fletcher** and **Sandy Pearson Dacunto**. Although Joan is still involved in real estate sales, her real freedom will come next year when her youngest will finish at Longwood College.

Our resident classmates from Fredericksburg are **Sheila Denny Young** and **Midge Meredith Poyck**. Sheila married three days before our graduation and is still wed to Phil. Their daughter has just finished first year medical school at Michigan. Sheila is working for the Navy and is looking forward to retiring in a few years. Sheila and Phil extend a hearty invitation to you to visit them whenever you are near MWC. Midge is living in Fredericksburg, also, and is representing us very well as a college administrator at Mary Washington. She has just completed her M.A.L.S. at MWC, and is very enthusiastic about the new programs and facilities, especially computer opportunities, at our alma mater. She is working hard to keep us in a state-of-the-art position.

In absentia, **Sandra Hutchison Hoybach** has notified us that her second son, Brandon, graduated from George Mason University with a degree in criminal justice. One more semester and daughter Amy will finish at Longwood College, and then Sandy can enjoy some financial freedom. Eldest son Ricky is operating his own business in Reston, Va., and took some vacation time to tour Europe this summer. Amy was also traveling separately in Europe.

Several of us agreed that the person who most still looked like her yearbook photo was **Bertha Jo Terry Caruthers**. Terry confessed that she had taken a double major in math and physics because her father didn't think girls should attend college, and she has had a successful career as well as a good family life all these years. She did mention that at her marriage she had seized the opportunity to drop her first name rather than her maiden name, and is now known as Terry Caruthers.

This was the first time our class sponsor, Dr. George Van Sant, was unable to be with us at our reunion. He was widowed again, but has remarried, to a wonderful woman. The weekend of our reunion was the time of Dr. Van Sant's alma mater's 300th anniversary! So naturally, he needed to be at St. John's instead of at Mary Washington.

It was a pleasure to see everyone who attended our 30th reunion. Perhaps next time we will have an even larger turnout.

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I'm afraid this will be short — not much news has come my way since Christmas — write! I did hear from **Jean Polk Hanky** in Feb. — just after my last deadline — urging me to continue to remind you all to designate your donations to MWC to be allocated to our class scholarship, the Class of '69 Laura Sumner Scholarship. As of March 31, 1996, we had $25,800 in the scholarship fund, which is fine, but we could make a difference in two students' lives per year if we could double that. Please keep that in mind when it comes time to donate again. Thanks!

Jean writes that, for the 18th year, she is working in the Virginia General Assembly full time for a few months, and that her 16-year-old son, Mike, is attending the same military school in Richmond that her husband graduated from in 1956. Jean is one of the few women on its board of trustees. Her husband's seven other children are all grown, and they have 23 grandchildren! All live close by, so they see each other often.

I have just finished sewing the many dresses that were required for the high school graduation festivities for my daughter Emily, and I designed the costumes for her school production of "Bye, Bye, Birdie" in April. I had forgotten how much I enjoyed working with kids — I taught for only three years, 21 years ago. Since we'll be empty nesters in September, I may pursue something with kids and costumes, along with my other volunteer work.

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It's amazing what a little postcard can do! Thanks for the terrific response to my November 1995 mailing.

I heard from **Margaret (Randee) Sheelen Lantis,** who says she has now retired from 25 years of teaching school (Spanish and French) in New Jersey and is living in Oakland, Maine, where she enjoys boating and fishing in the summer and "playing in the snow" in the winter. Her critique of this lifestyle? As she succinctly says, "I love it."

From Texas, **Catharine Rossi Mannering** writes to tell about her bed and breakfast establishment located in a town with the wonderful name of Comfort, just northwest of San Antonio. In this beautiful hill country, she and her husband, Jerry, have "eight acres, a creek and view — plus two longhorns named Light-Foot Lily and Lily Go-Lightly." The town of Comfort has innumerous antique stores and quaint cafes.

I was impressed when **Deborah Blythe Weise**'s husband, James, decided to write and bring us up to date on his wife's news (how many husbands would do this for us?). Sadly, Deborah missed the 25th reunion because of her mother's illness and subsequent death. Jim reports that Deborah is employed by the state of Kentucky as a court-designated worker dealing with juveniles and their problems. Clearly their own children don't fall into this category. Daughter **Courtney Weise** (MWC '96) was Honor Council president in her Junior year, made Who's Who Among College Students, Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board, Pi Sigma Alpha, had four academic scholarships and maintained a 3.9 overall average. Son Craig is married and a third-year law student at U.Va. Deborah and Jim just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Ireland.

Speaking of anniversaries, **Barbara Forgione Tansey** and her husband Bruce just celebrated their 25th on a cruise to Alaska, where they stopped at Juneau, Skagway and Sitka. Their daughter graduated from Mary Baldwin, on the Dean's List among other honors.

Edie Morrison Herron's daughter, **Deborah**, is also an MWC graduate ('95). Deborah now lives in Alexandria and has a job on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant for Congressman Bill Clinger (R-Pa.). Edie's son, David, is a student at Penn State and plans to take the Marine option upon graduation. (She notes, "Isn't it a 'full circle' type coincidence that I have raised someone who will most likely be at Quantico someday, maybe dating someone from MWC?") Edie and husband Jim still live in State College, Pa., where she has had a computer consulting business for close to 20 years. She designs and creates software and does a lot of corporate training. At a local business school she has been teaching advanced computer programming courses; in addition, she teaches aerobic dancing! Doesn't this sound like the energetic Edie we remember from college? I want the name of her vitamins! When she does relax, they vacation at a home they purchased in Rehoboth Beach, Del. She reports she occasionally runs into **Gabby Pagin Ficklin,** who also "beaches" in Rehoboth.

Debbie Walker Powell sends news from Appomattox, Va., of her daughter, who was about to do her student teaching. Her son is attending Va. Tech, has switched from engineering to pre-med. Debbie says she is "still doing a small amount of catering" and wants "to set up a more serious business" in the future.

I was treated to a wonderful, romantic story from **Joanne Averitt Ralph,** in which she describes her "transformation into a happy person." Not too long ago Joanne made a long-distance phone call to a man she had known 19 years before and hadn't spoken to since. The call literally changed her life; in less than a month, Bill Ralph asked Joanne to marry him, and she accepted. They were married in August 1995 and are now residing in Fredericksburg, where Joanne's 16-year-old son, Joey, is a senior in high school. On marrying Joanne, Bill quit his job in Albuquerque, N.M., and is now working in Culpeper, Va., for S.W.I.F.T.

Judy Templeman Miller sent news from Bethesda, Md. Writing in for the first time, she had a lot of ground to cover! She and husband Ron achieved 25 years together November 1995. They have four teen-agers and Judy works at American University as an editor. She says that one of their favorite family times each year is the week they spend in August at Camp Friendship's family camp in Palmyra, Va. One of her freshmen roommates, **Aileen Reynolds,** has the cabin next to theirs with her husband, Bob Silverstein, and their children. Judy says they are trying to get her third roommate, **Dell Goss Shotwell,** and her husband, Alan, to join them. The Shotwells have four children as well.

Perhaps we should start a "Four Children Club," because **Pat Coradetti Averill** could also join. Her two girls and two boys range in age from 14 to 23. Pat, who lives in Mechanicsburg, Pa., has been teaching high school Spanish for the past seven years. She says, "I welcome all the 'challenges' of teaching. There's never a dull moment." She and husband Bill just marked their 25th wedding anniversary in August.

Judy Cunningham Dotson wrote from Clifton Forge, Va., to say, "I am still working at the local community college and learning more and more about networking and gateways than I ever dreamed possible." When she remarried in 1993 to Michael "Steve" Dotson, she inherited a daughter and a cat, and apparently is pleased with these additions to her life. Steve works at the local paper mill and daughter Dodie is attending Radford University.

It was great to hear from **Kirsten Mackey Fleisher,** who lives in Newtown, Pa., with her daughter and son. Kirsten has been teaching first grade "for years" in nearby Trenton, N.J., where her school was "the first in the U.S. to extend the school year to 210 days of regular academic instruction — truly a year-round school." Kirsten and her mother had a unique experience last fall when they had the opportunity to tour Italy for several weeks and got to look up relatives they'd never met before — they were able to spend several days with new-found cousins!

Pat Piermatti, in Clifton, N.J., had a special work anniversary last December when she began her 25th year with the Library of Science and Medicine at Rutgers. She has also been doing some outside consulting work as an information broker which, as she says, may be "a good possibility as a home-based business when I retire from Rutgers." In 1990 she received a second master's in theological studies from Drew University. In her spare time, Pat enjoys bowling, church activities and travel. She and her mother climbed into her (then) new Ford Explorer and took a lovely vacation in 1995 to Sturbridge, Mass., and Bar Harbor, Maine, for two weeks. Later that year, they spent 10 enjoyable days in Virginia.

Karen Breeding Peters sent a funny note in which she describes herself as "getting old and grumpy," but in truth, she sounded pretty upbeat to me! She is an assistant U.S. attorney in Roanoke, Va., where she has been since 1982. Karen prosecutes federal criminal cases, primarily white collar crimes in such areas as fraud and tax, but she is looking specifically into health care fraud cases. She graduated from American University law school in D.C. in '78 — she actually started law school when her daughter started kindergarten! Daughter Laurel has graduated from Pfeiffer College in N.C. and is living and working in Charlotte. Karen reports that she occasionally hears from **Nancy Buchanan Perry,** who lives in Fredericksburg with her husband, Sam, and son Brad. When they last communicated, Nancy was finishing a Ph.D. Karen also mentioned her freshman and sophomore year roommate, **Constanze Crea Wales**, who lives in Alexandria, with husband, Bob, and two children. Connie left MWC after her second year, traveled abroad, studied in Paris and graduated from The U. of Texas.

Another Roanoke-area letter came from **Brenda Jennings Louthian,** who may possibly have the most beautiful handwriting I've seen in a while. Anyway, Brenda has been teaching elementary music in Roanoke County for 25 years and has become involved in the American Orff-Schvelwerk Association. (For non-musicians, Brenda says, "Orff is a wonderful teaching strategy.") At her church, Brenda is the children's choir director and assistant organist. She has a 6'2" daughter who was considering going to MWC, but decided to attend Ferrum and play basketball for them. Brenda has been to a number of the MWC Lady Eagles games; she says, "I have enjoyed seeing and cheering for them the last two years in a Tip-Off Tourney." Brenda also has twin sons about whom she writes, "One of my twins is working toward becoming an Eagle Scout and is a freshman. His handicapped brother is having a wonderful year in eighth grade. Nothing like three teen-agers!"

By the way, this class-agent job is getting more fun by the minute. **Gretchen Gregory Davis** sent in a newsy letter from Chesterfield, Mo., accompanied by an article she wrote for *Bon Appetite* magazine that included some of her delicious recipes. Aside from getting published, Gretchen has been doing volunteer work at her sons' schools, specializing in fund raising and volunteer management, and about a year and a half ago she started a network marketing business which utilizes the skills she gained through her volunteer experiences. She noted, "I enjoy having a paycheck for the first time in a number of years." After graduating from MWC, Gretchen taught math and physics for eight years in both Missouri and Virginia, then "retired" to raise her two sons. Husband Gene is medical director of radiology at Incarnate Word Hospital. The whole family enjoys scuba diving at such locales as San Salvador Island, Bonaire, and Little Cayman. For their 25th anniversary, they were planning a 10-day diving trip to a Pacific Island. (I'd love to hear how that turned out!) Son Greg participates in wrestling, cross-country track, literary magazine, and backstage work in drama at his high school. For a while her other son, Grant, participated in a program called Project SOAR that mixes high-adventure camping with an educational component. He is in his junior year at Brehm Prep School, about 125 miles from St. Louis.

Mary "Mimi" Webb Stout sent news from Yorktown, Va. In 1990 Mimi began a doctoral program at William and Mary while continuing to work at Fort Monroe. Husband Teddy was reassigned from Fort Monroe to PERSCOM in Washington, D.C. Mimi describes what followed, "After job hunting briefly in D.C. during the peak of downsizing hysteria, Mimi decided to stay at Fort Monroe and continue with the degree work. Teddy bought a condo in Alexandria, and became quite familiar with I-95 by commuting home on the weekends. Teddy's tour in D.C. was supposed to last three years, but lasted four. He made it through with only minor traffic accidents and one stolen jeep, removed in daylight from his office parking lot." In the tradition of happy endings, Mimi did graduate with her doctorate and Teddy is now back home and was officially promoted to Colonel, and if you saw Mimi at our MWC 25th reunion, you know she is relieved and pleased to have her life back to normal!

Very helpful news-gatherer **Kathy Abel Wiggins,** who lives just outside of Williamsburg, Va., let me know that her suitemate for four years, **Lynn Lovell,** married Kent Mitchell in October 1995. Lynn is a nurse in Athens, Pa. Over the years, she has worked in many areas of the nursing field, making several trips to developing countries to establish health care facilities. In her own news, Kathy reports that her llamas are reproducing nicely, "If you've never seen a baby llama, let me tell you they are the cutest creatures imaginable. They are lovely pets with huge soulful eyes, and eyelashes that anyone would die for." Gee, Kathy, while I'm sure my soon-to-be first-grade daughter would love to have a llama, I don't know where we'd put him in our townhouse! I guess we'll have to make do with our five hermit crabs and Sara Jane, the fat cat.

As another special treat, I heard from my former MWC roommate who lives in Atlanta, Ga. That cute, mischievous **Cathy Neale Fisher,** who, unless pictures lie, doesn't look a whole lot different than she did back in the '70s. The photo was taken in a vacation place Cathy and husband Bob have in Highland, N.C., which she describes as a "rustic" log cabin. Her daughter is a junior at Davidson and son is a sophomore at Georgetown U. She describes life in Atlanta as "great, full of friends and Bob's family."

As this column shows, our classmates are interesting; the paths our lives have taken *are* worth hearing about. Write on!

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Dear Friends in the Class of 1971:

Class of '71 is starting an e-mail list! Please print clearly your e-mail address and send to Bryn. You will get a list!

What a *blast!* The 25th year reunion was so much fun! We really missed you, if you were not with us in Fredericksburg. More than 30 gals attended. We gathered in small and large groups to catch up and share our lives over the past and fast 25 years since we left MWC. We shared so much that it is hard to know just how to begin. **Chris Goeller Hamill** remarked, "I am amazed at all of our accomplishments, but then, the Class of '71 was always pretty impressive." **Julie McClelland Spollen** is marrying Jim Seder in September 1996 and is planning a European honeymoon. Julie is now working in intelligence programs for the Department of Defense as a congressional liaison. She has a 15-year-old daughter. **Pam Temple Roach** is still a guidance counselor at Hermitage High School in Henrico, Va. She just loves the kids. Pam has two dear daughters. Her husband, Ned, is still teaching chemistry.

Joy Ragland Martin observed, "I am surprised both by how much I remembered and how much I had forgotten. It has been fun renewing acquaintances and walking around campus. It's still lovely." Joy thanks **Lisa**

Barker for encouraging her to come and **Ellen Waller Whitehead** for making the drive up with her family. Lisa Barker reports that she is a senior assistant county attorney in Hanover County, Va., working with another MWC grad, **Andrea Erard Stone.** Lisa's travels have taken her to Russia, Central Asia, Finland and Lapland (in winter), Southeast Asia and China. Ellen Waller Whitehead enjoyed the beautiful campus and all the warm and familiar faces on her return to MWC after 25 years.

Fran McDonald and **Natalee Spiro Franzyshen**, roommates at MWC, attended the reunion together. Fran's mother, **Jeanne Veajey McDonald** '46, attended the reunion with her MWC roommate, **Dottie Samuels Smith** '46, both of whom were celebrating their 50th reunion! Natalee and Fran introduced Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Smith to the wonders of Carl's ice cream. Fran is the managing editor of the Office of the Federal Register, but continues her membership in the Virginia Bar. Fran's husband, Ed Schoenberger, stayed home to nurse son Brian back to health from a strep throat infection. Fran claims Natalee "forced" her to come to the reunion, but she is glad she did! Natalee's turn: "I had a great time attending our 25th reunion with my roommate, Fran McDonald, and renewing friendships with Ellen Waller Whitehead and Joy Ragland Martin. It was very reassuring to know that the Mary Washington bond lives on through the years."

Doris Lee Hancock remains very busy doing the "Mom" thing, plus working part time at two jobs. She teaches in an academic preschool and works for the American Lung Association as an assistant program director and Open Airways program coordinator. Open Airways is an asthma education program. Doris's son David is 23 and a '95 U.Va. graduate in mechanical engineering. Her daughter Mary Lee will be a '97 U.Va. graduate in accounting. Sons Todd and Kevin are 17 and 14, respectively.

Freda Lodge Bryce lives in Fairfax Station, Va., and works in Washington, D.C. She owns an international training company, and she currently brings Russians to the United States to learn how to become business men and women. Freda's husband, Ron, works for Coleman Research. They have one daughter, Kelly. Freda reports that **Linda Shoemaker Maxwell** lives in Staunton, Va., and works at James Madison University. Linda and her husband, Max, enjoy a happy lifestyle with lots of friends. **Janet Dempster Crow** lives near Richmond, Va., and works at Virginia Commonwealth University as administrator for the Office of Information Technology. She and her husband, Phil, have three girls.

Nancy Belden and **Melissa Johnson Hancock** attended the reunion together. Nancy lives in the Chevy Chase section of Washington, D.C., with her husband, Jon Russohello, and their son, Giovanni, who attends Sidwell Friends School. Nancy and John own a polling firm, which does survey and focus group research for issue groups (environmental organizations, education reform, children's issues, etc.) and for Democratic candidates. Melissa spends her summers in Nantucket, Mass., where she and her husband, Charlie, have a summer house. Melissa is president of the Main Line Associates for the Philadelphia Orchestra and is the co-founder of the Ivy League, a garden club. Melissa, an avid gardener, says, "I brake for perennials!" She currently is transcribing a journal by Matthew Covey, a patriot during the Revolutionary War.

Melissa shared information about two more classmates. **Erla Catherine "E.C." Holloway Brooks** is a director of a preschool. She and husband Ron have been married for 22 years. They live in Scottsdale, Ariz., with their two children. E.C. enjoys rollerblading and describes herself as a "Power Ranger." **Beverly Estes Crouch** lives in Tallahassee, Fla., with husband Rick and two children. Her daughter recently graduated from Florida State University. Her teen-age son is a serious skateboard enthusiast. Rick works for the Farm Credit Bureau. Bev says, "You name it, I've volunteered for it!"

Barbara Halliday moved to San Francisco in 1979 and now lives across the bay in Hayward, Calif., with her husband, Rick Imsdahl, and their cat, Dusty. Barbara is active in Hayward city government, and she recently was appointed to the planning commission. Barbara works for Norcal Mutual, an insurance company specializing in liability insurance for physicians and other medical care providers. Rick works for Hewlitt Packard.

Elizabeth "Betty" Whichard Robinson really enjoyed seeing everyone at the 25th reunion and wished more people had come. Betty still reads a lot, mostly mysteries, and enjoys going to the movies. She is a very devoted runner. Betty recently passed the 10-year mark of running *every* day without missing a day! Betty also takes tennis lessons, does weekly weight workouts and loves skiing in Colorado and Utah. Betty's husband Jim, a senior vice-president of finance at USAA Life Insurance in San Antonio, also participates in many athletic activities. The couple enjoy travel, and they recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Elaine Brennan Wright, known to us as "Cookie," braved the Children's March in Washington, D.C., to attend the reunion with her husband and daughter. Elaine is currently commuting between Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., while on a one-year assignment to EPA headquarters.

Janet Sisk Horne lives in Salisbury, Md. She has been associate professor of communication arts at Salisbury State since 1990.

Pamela "Pam" Rave Hall of Poquoson, Va., felt such pleasure to be back on campus during our reunion. While searching for a college for her daughter last year, Pam realized very few campuses could ever measure up to the beauty of MWC.

Diane Rupert Beard of West Grove, Pa., marveled at how simply wonderful we all look. A trip through Willard Dorm greatly disappointed Diane and others. Additional bathrooms just do not make up for the loss of wide hallways, always such great gathering places, and the loss of Willard's old-style charm. Diane reminds everyone to plan on our 30th reunion in 2001.

Dorothea "Dory" Potter Teipel lives in McLean, Va. Dory owns Potter Teipel Associates and Sun Queen Productions. She works as a public affairs consultant and as a professional painter. Dory is thrilled to be the mother of a wonderful 10-year-old son. She enjoys politics and her life as a professional painter. "My life and career are a great blend of my passions!" Dory credits much of her success in life to her wonderful alma mater! She also invites everyone to visit her unique art studio, Sun Queen Studio, in McLean, Va.

Elizabeth "Libby" Andrews Wasem of Fredericksburg could not attend the reunion but she sent me a newsy letter. She is still a L.C.S.W. working as a school social worker. Her youngest child is 15 years old. Libby became a grandmother in March 1995. Libby stays quite busy as chairperson of the Spotsylvania Welfare Department and as an aerobic instructor. She also enjoys skiing in Vermont when possible.

At last we come to the end of my reunion notes. Actually I threatened to lock the doors of Mason dorm where we held our class meeting until the great gals of '71 gave me some news to put in *MWC TODAY!* As you have just read, we had a terrific 25th reunion. We so enjoyed sharing our lives with each other, and we truly missed all of you who were unable to join us. Please make plans to attend our 30th reunion in 2001. Also, write to your "new" class agent, Karen Laino. Actually Karen is just getting the job back after a break of many years. I hope you keep the "level" of news filled up for Karen so we can keep better track of each other.

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By the time you read this, we will be just a few months from our 25th reunion. Please leave room in your schedule for a trip to Fredericksburg. Our 20th reunion, the first one I had attended, was great fun and well worth the effort. Let's have a huge turnout to see the wonderful changes on our campus!

My family and I have recently moved (note the new address) within our neighborhood to a 1908 beauty with five fireplaces. We have lots of space and would welcome visits from classmates. My oldest child graduates from high school next month and will attend James Madison University in the fall. I tried my best to get him to consider Mary Washington, but I think the mountains around Harrisburg were irresistible for him.

My Christmas cards included a delightful note from **Terri Hall Alford.** Terri and Mati are back on the East Coast and are enjoying their Fairfax home. Terri has a new job on Capitol Hill as an administrative assistant to Rep. Patrick Kennedy.

Please keep me updated with your news. I'm looking forward to seeing lots of you at our 25th reunion!

1973

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It seems every time I hear from **Janet Hedrick**, she has moved a little farther northward. 1996 brought her an exciting career move to Springfield, Mass., where she is now the vice president for fund development for Sisters of Providence Health System. The system operates numerous and varied patient-care and related facilities in western Massa-

chusetts and in North Carolina. Janet works with four fund-development offices doing long-term planning and program initiation. She's enjoying living in Holyoke, but still likes to go home to Chatham whenever possible to visit her mother and brother and to spoil her nephew and two nieces. Aunt Janet gave them a puppy for Christmas from the shelter, a "little fur ball" for whom the vet predicted a much larger future.

That must sound familiar to some of you. Here at my house, our tiny "beagle mix" shelter puppy grew into a 75-pound Rhodesian (more or less) Ridgeback!

1974

Alice Harding Thomas
1901 Mariner Court
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Jannelle Hicks Wesenberg
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Bowie, MD 20716

Last fall **Bobbie Burton** left MWC after years of service with the Alumni Association for some new challenges. Janelle and I were privileged to attend her elegant farewell party in November. The rooms were filled with MWC staff, friends and family who couldn't say enough to express their admiration for the great job she had done. The accolades, tears and gifts she received were a testimony to the love of everyone there. I know the entire Class of '74 will miss having our own personal advocate there. Bobbie has accepted an exciting position as director of development for the Richmond Symphony. She says she is enjoying her job and has lots of fond memories of MWC. Good luck, Bobbie!

Cindy Kear has been busy in San Francisco making a film and working on her second book. Some of us are hoping to have a mini-reunion this summer when she heads East to see family.

Anne Legnini Fancher received Columbia College's part-time teacher of the year award for her work in the sign language interpreter program. Congratulations.

What a pleasant surprise when my daughter's new friend in her professional children's chorus turned out to be the daughter of **Susie Paddock Stumpf** (and Bob). It has been great getting reacquainted, and we are both pleased that our daughters will be buddies on their upcoming trip to England with the Virginia Children's Chorus.

I am running a GED program for female inmates at the Virginia Beach city jail — I love it! Watch for a mailing from Janelle. She will be trying to get you to divulge some news for next time, so be ready!

1975

Deborah Relyea Johnson
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Springfield, VA 22153

Susan Early Decesari
3941 Mt. Brundage Ave.
San Diego, CA 92111

1976

Judy Sledge Joyce
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Ann Chryssikos McBroom
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Fredericksburg, VA 22407

We had a great turnout for our 20th reunion — more than we've had for any reunion. The weather cooperated to make it a beautiful weekend, full of friends and laughter. Many thanks to **Betty Anne Gupton Teter** for all her work as our reunion coordinator. Betty Anne works for Virginia's Economic Development department; her husband, Tim, is District Manager for Lilian Vernon Corporation. Their two daughters joined us for the reunion. Betty Anne is stepping down after two terms as reunion coordinator; and **Jane Reese Coulbourne** will take the helm for our 25th reunion in 2001. Jane is vice president of the Breast Cancer Coalition in Washington, D.C.

Also thanks to **Robin Hotchkin Warren** for compiling all the information about our fellow classmates in the reunion booklet. Good thing Robin teaches computers in middle school — she needed those skills in putting together the booklet. Robin and her husband, Bob (a U.Va. grad), enjoy traveling to football games. Robin, too, is stepping down as reunion booklet coordinator after two terms. **Daphne Johnston Elliott** will put the next one together in 2001. Daphne, her husband, John, and their two children, Missy, 12, and Jay, 6, are in the process of moving to Tampa, Fla., (probably John's last move before retiring from the military). Daphne has been working on a master's in education at George Mason University.

I am also retiring, as your class agent, after two terms. My husband Rick and I are having the time of our lives enjoying our baby son, John Francis "Jack" Joyce, born November 7, 1995. I have retired from the Department of Treasury to become a full-time mom. I've organized a baby-sitting coop in my neighborhood — one of life's sure changes after having a baby! Jack has a Mary Washington "connection" with **Carolyn Roberts** as his godmother. Carolyn is senior vice president of Citizens Bank in Bethesda, Md. She enjoys tennis, biking and taking care of her two cats, Dixie and Jazz.

Ann Chryssikos McBroom will be your new class agent. Ann and husband Kerry have two boys. Kerry works for UPS and, after many transfers, they are finally back in Fredericksburg. I thought I was the last in the class to have a baby, but **Carolyn Yowell Kardos** beat me by having a daughter in December 1995. Carolyn and her husband live in Harrisonburg, Va., with their four children.

Diane Pace Phillips lives in Charlottesville with her husband, Joe, an architect, and their three children. Diane works as a dental technician.

Lundy Baker Updike and husband Jim have three sons. Lundy is a graphics designer for NBC/WRC-TV in Washington, D.C. Her husband is director of engineering at The Newseum.

Lynne Batten Smith and her husband, Larry, have been busy since our last reunion. They had a son, William Quinby, in 1993, and Larry was transferred to Fort Lee in 1994. They recently built a house in Chester, Va., in anticipation of their retirement in the area.

Jan Biermann is administrator for the University of Massachusetts Cancer Center and is currently enrolled in an M.H.A. program at Clark University.

Faythe Calandra is senior staff assistant for the World Bank in Washington, D.C. She enjoys teaching children Sunday school classes, aerobics and music.

Dena Caulkins married David Rhode in 1994. They live in Vienna with their two cats. Dena works at Treasury and received her master's in dance from George Washington University.

Leticia Cheuna lives in San Diego with her husband, Audie, and their son. Audie is a business development manager in China Trade, and Leticia watches the stock market for personal investments.

Margo Clifford is a fourth-grade teacher in Henrico County, where she received an award in 1995 for her teaching excellence. She has received a grant to study at Oxford, England, this year. She is still involved in art and is a member of the Uptown Gallery Artists' Co-op.

Becky Chambers Scanlon lives in Manassas, Va., and has four children. Her husband, Mike, works for Mobil and travels a lot.

Jeanne Cogliandro Silver works in sales and marketing for Butterfield Bodyworks. She and husband Jeffrey have two children and they live in Buffalo Grove, Ill.

Cathy Colbert lives in Manhattan Beach, Calif., and is a environmental paralegal at ARCO. She is working on certification in site investigation and remediation. Cathy says she's mad at **Marge Schlemm Sidman** for missing our 20th reunion. Marge lives on Cape Cod with her two boys and a horse.

Alison Cross Denier and her husband, John, have two daughters. Alison is a stay-at-home mom, and her husband is staff project manager of AT&T. They live in New Jersey.

Fay Dutton lives in Winchester and is an artist of flowers and landscapes. She was chosen as a member of the National Museum of Women in the Art archives. She exhibits at the Mill in Millwood, Belle Grove Plantation. She enjoys swimming.

Lucy Dee Kinsey is a learning disabilities instructional assistant in Fairfax County. Her husband, Carrol, is chief counsel for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. They have two daughters.

Eva Marie Grace and husband Brett Shedd have one son. Eva works as assistant to Lt. Gen. William Odom, Ret. Eva previously worked for Dan Quayle for 13 years.

Susan Grimes is a dentist in Burlington, Vt., and her husband, Scott Thompson, is also a dentist. They have two sons.

Richie Hasty and his wife, Barbara, both work at Mary Washington Hospital. Richie was featured in a newspaper article about the first men at Mary Washington College.

Suzanne Hawkins Stephens is a homemaker and mother of two girls. Suzanne and husband Jack live south of Savannah and are selling their home and 20 acres.

Ann James Mauney lives in Jacksonville, Fla., where she is a nurse. Her husband, Steve, is in home health care, and they have three children.

Alison Haworth Regan lives in Texas with her husband, Don, who is a geologist with Amoco. Alison is a contract needlepointer and for fun, she and her husband go to car races where her husband is a racetrack driver, and Alison works in his crew.

Madelin Jones Barratt is a homemaker

with three children. Her husband, Henry, is self-employed. Madelin keeps busy with her kids and church, where she is in the handbell choir. **Joan Lake Merrow** and her husband, Andrew, have two children. Andrew is a clergyman at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Arlington. Joan is busy with scuba diving and volunteer work for the homeless. She recently returned from taking 14 high-schoolers on a mission to North Carolina to build houses.

Deborah Jackson Young, a software engineer for ATW services, lives in Glendale, Md., with her husband, Steve, who is an electronic engineer, and their daughter.

Sharon Reel and her husband, Carl Fuhrmeister, live in Haddonfield, N.J. Sharon is a speech pathologist, and Carl is an engineer for Public Service Electric and Gas. They have three children.

Hannah Patterson Crew works part time for the Pamunkey Library System. She says she's never been happier and keeps busy with her church and volunteer work. She and her husband, Todd, have two daughters.

Natalie Pickering Freeman is director of accounting for The Commonwealth Group in Newark, Del. Natalie's husband, Tom, is a computer consultant for DuPont.

Martha Prettyman Dinger lives in Fairfax with her son, Larry, 16, who is a Special Olympian. Martha has her own plant interiorscape and aquarium business. She and Larry enjoy their Dalmatian.

Marcie Richards Suclzer lives in the suburbs of Chicago. She and her husband, Raymond, work for the same publishing company, where she is a developer of tax software, and he is an attorney. They have three children.

Laurie Raup Sabol and husband Joe live in Lancaster, where she is a speech pathologist. She is the President of the Central Pennsylvania Speech-Language Hearing Association and also keeps busy volunteering with the March of Dimes and the Cancer Society.

Sue Sendlein Luscomb lives in Germantown, Tenn., where her husband, Richard, is a clinical psychologist. They have two children. Sue is an at-home mom enjoying her involvement in school and community activities, including PTA, Girl Scouts and Meals on Wheels.

Gayle Shelton Geleta is an elementary school teacher, and her husband, Nicholas, is a psychologist. They first had a daughter, Natalie, 3, and then they were blessed with twins, Nicholas and Nina, 1. Gayle has recently written a novel, *Beyond Bali*.

Elaine Porrino Mozur and her husband, Steve, just built a new home on a golf course in Chadds Ford, Pa., They have four boys.

Another classmate with four boys is **Marti Taylor Clements**, who lives in Glyndon, Md., Her sons keep her and husband Mark very busy. Mark is the director for environmental systems for GTS Duratek. Marti does choreography for high schools and community groups, plays tennis and sings in the church choir. Her boys' soccer and lacrosse activities also keep her busy.

Cindy Simpson Simon is an elementary school band director, and her husband, Philip, is a high school band director in Fairfax County. Cindy enjoys crafts, sewing, home decor, gardening and cooking. She also sings in the pop choir, "Alexandria Singers."

Ann Singleback Devereux is a homemaker in Woodbridge. She and husband Francis have three children. Ann takes part in local politics and is a member of the PTA and the Woodbridge Community Choir.

Sue Smith Hane is a part-time marketing analyst for the Wake Medical Center in Raleigh. Her husband, Thomas, works for Coastal Physicians Group. They have two children. Sue volunteers with her church and civic groups, is in the Junior League, and enjoys swimming, hiking and camping with her family.

Carol Steven Matasic is an at-home mom with her husband, Charles, and three boys. They enjoy living near Annapolis, Md.

Jill Turner Morris is a housewife, carpool driver, and farmer in White Plains, Md. Her husband, Leslie, is a self-employed developer and builder. They have six children and a family farm where they raise cattle and hay.

Thanks for allowing me the honor of being your class agent for 10 years. I've really enjoyed it.

1977

Mary A. Byrd
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Nancy Leggett McGee
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From Mary:

I wrote my first episode of "Chicago Hope," which aired on March 18, 1996. Needless to say, I was thrilled, and now I am concentrating an getting an agent and writing other one-hour samples. I will return as a researcher on "Chicago Hope" and write another episode for the '96-'97 season.

I heard from **Martha Harville,** who wrote she received an offer from the Department of Defense Schools in Germany, but her Petersburg, Va., school board would not release her from her contract. She is hoping the offer will be extended again next year. I also heard from **Randy Moomaw** '82, who directed in a series of one-act plays in MWC's Studio 13 many, many years ago. Randy writes he attended UCLA grad school and received the Samuel Goldwyn Award in Dramatic Writing. He is now a reviewer for Music Row and Contemporary Christian Music Magazines in Nashville, Tenn. He's in touch with **Libby Palmer** '80, who now lives in Germany; **Ruth DeArmitt Taylor** '80, living in Richmond, with her "hundred or so kids"; and **Tim Erickson** '81, who now teaches drama in Florida.

As my writing career has finally taken off, I have decided to resign as class agent. Please forward all future notes to **Nancy Leggett McGee.** It has been a pleasure corresponding with all of you over the last 19 years. I hope I will see many of you at our 20th reunion in 1997.

1978

Elizabeth Somerville Hutchins
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Culpeper, VA 22701

First, let me send congratulations to **Winona Schlam Siegmund** and husband Don on the birth of their son, Patrick Daniel, in 1995. They are thrilled, as is his sister, Heidi.

Lynn Conner writes that she married Bob Merring, a lawyer from Newport Beach, Calif., in March. They met on the computer! She has been the director of library services at the law firm of Baker and Daniels in Indianapolis for the past four years. She moved to California and is now the librarian at the Costa Mesa office of the law firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky and Walker. **Jane Roth Baugh** is a reference librarian for a law firm in Virginia. She and Lynn visited at the meeting in Pittsburgh of American Association of Law Libraries. Lynn wants to hear from *all* of our classmates in California. Give her a call!

Amanda Pittman Gordon is still teaching and says her children are growing fast! **Wendy Hadden Roberts** is living in Georgia, near Atlanta, and now has four children. She is adjusting to life in a fast-growing area. Folks in Atlanta, please try to contact her.

Well, I'm still here in Culpeper, watching my children become teen-agers too fast. Hope everyone is doing well. Write me!

1979

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Alexandria, VA 22308

Susan Burns Malcolm
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Barbara Jean Weller
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Maidens, VA 23102

1980

Patty Goliash Andril
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Arlington, VA 22207

After becoming class agent last summer, I got ready to receive a deluge of cards, letters and phone calls with news, and what happens? Nothing! No cards, no letters, no phone calls. First, I considered just making up some news. For example, I thought I might tell you that my dear friend, **Linda Jones**, being the scientist that she is, recently had the molecular structures of her favorite chemical compounds tattooed over her entire body. However, I decided against that route and tried to track down some information. Alas, no one returned my phone messages or letters except the above-mentioned Linda Jones (I think she was really worried about what I might write). She had just returned from a trip to Charleston, S.C., which she found to be lovely. She was also planning a June vacation to Nantucket, Mass., and was looking forward to some much needed relaxation.

My sister, **Barbara Goliash Emerson** '70 was helpful in getting some news because she works with **Fatima Allibhai Khaja**. Fatima knew that **Candy Sams** had run her second Marine Corp Marathon last October. Way to go Candy! Fatima also reported that **Stephanie Lehman Pettoni** lives in Springfield, Va., with husband Joe and daughter Ellie, an adorable redhead.

My sister, Barbara, also told me that **Betsy Larson Kyker** '79 had a baby boy in 1995. Betsy and her husband, Bill, live in Vienna, Va.

My last bit of news is also about the class ahead of ours. I spoke to **Karen Noss Helble** '79 by phone. I called her to order some of the

beautiful pewter that she and her husband, Stuart, make. Their business, K and S Pewter, is located in Leesburg, Va., and keeps them quite busy. In addition, they have three children.

Now go get a paper and pen, write me a note and send it today.

1981

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Yvonne Walbroehl
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Mountain View, CA 94043

From Lori:

I recently received some news from **Kathy Ramsey. Nancy Smith Erickson** and husband John just had a baby boy, Robert John, who joins his two sisters. They reside in Ashburn, Va.

Diana Marks McKinnie and husband J.W. are doing great and are busy running their own company, Heat Transfer Systems, in Roswell, Ga.

Betty Van Chichester Morrow is in private law practice in Fairfax. She and her husband Ray have a lovely daughter.

We recently lost one of our classmates, **Kathryn Grabiel,** who passed away last winter. The Russell Fourth North crew continues to keep her family in their thoughts and prayers.

1982

Nancy Kaiser
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Caroline Borden Kirchner
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Martha "Marty" DeSilva
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Washington, DC 20016

Victoria Hampshire Balaban
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Bethesda, MD 20817

Elizabeth Ince Grannis
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Wellesley, MA 02181-4644

1983

Marcia Guida James
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Louisville, KY 40207

Jacqueline Lane Rice
9501 Mesquite Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

From Marcia:

Just a little news this time. **Nan Stanford McCarry** is living in Falls Church, where she and her husband, Caleb, are fixing up an old house on her family's farm in Lucketts, Va. They plan on moving in during 1997. Eventually, Nan will pursue a career in plant conservation building on thesis research she did while in Guatemala before her children were born. **Mabel Royal** has completed her Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology at UNC-Chapel Hill and plans on doing postdoctoral work there while looking for a job. Congrats, Mabel! **Teresa Hudachek Djuric** was promoted to the rank of Major in the USAF in 1996. Terry and her family are stationed at Maxwell AFB in Alabama while she attends the U.S. Air Force Command and Staff College.

Farah Maynor Marks met up with **Terry Sckinto Hogan** in March in Fredericksburg. They toured the campus, especially their old haunt, Ball Hall, and were quite impressed with the new science facility being constructed. Farah took the summer off from her part-time development work at RMWC and plans to return in fall. Terry ran into **Wendy Burnette Dickinson** with Wendy's brand new daughter, in Richmond.

As for us, we've traveled to Disney World and Chicago. I also got the thrill of a lifetime at a Kentucky Derby party when I met Dick Clark, George Foreman, Luke Perry and Roger Ebert, among others. I haven't heard from some of you in ages — specifically, graduation — so, it's not ever too late to update us. Just do it! E-mail! me at MarciaGJ@aol.com if you have access; otherwise, use regular mail.

From Jackie:

Perry Roberts Legaux and **Elden Legaux** are living in Greensboro, N.C., with their three daughters. Elden works for N.C. Trust Company, and Perry works for Diagnostic Radiology & Imaging. They report that the girls are great and things at the Legaux household are as crazy as ever.

1996 is a busy year for **Helen Preston.** She joined Cenit Bank, FSB in Norfolk in their management training program and is getting married. She reminisced about the good time she had at 83rd night!

1984

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1985

Karen Altemus Duffy
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Sigrid Skrivseth Houston
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Tamara Ostrosky
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Laurel, MD 20723

Charlotte James Young
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Reston, VA 22094

1986

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From Fernanda:

One of the many joys of teaching high school is picking up the students' colorful language. Reunion Weekend 1996 can best be described as "da bomb." (This is a good thing.)

The weather was terrific (much more comfortable than Reunion Weekend '91). The campus was immaculate as usual. Although activities were scheduled on Friday night, most of our class members arrived on Saturday. **Jack Soloman** was one of the few who arrived Friday night. If you haven't been to Fredericksburg since graduation, you would be surprised by the many changes. Route 3 near Spotsylvania Mall has every restaurant, department store and convenience store imaginable. **Catherine Beaver** enjoyed some of the local culture by shopping at the Fredericksburg Arts & Crafts Festival.

As members of the planning committee, **Lori Brubaker** and I had been in constant contact to update our "who is coming" and "who isn't" lists. Lori is continuing to do well with Ridgewell's Caterers. On behalf of the class, may I extend our thanks to **Pam Parker Rittenhouse,** another member of the committee, for putting our reunion booklet together. Pam experienced illness in her family and was not able to attend. **Kristen Pedisich,** the final member of the "dynamic quartet," was also unable to attend.

The reunion activities were well planned and attended. We gathered around the fountain in front of Monroe Hall for a scrumptious picnic. As we munched on veggie-burgers and ice cream sundaes, we had an opportunity to reunite with lost friends **Paul Kilmer, Troy Knighton** and **Bridget Wood.** In her work with Bell Atlantic, Bridget works with actor James Earl Jones. Remember the "Freshman Register?" It's hard to believe that 10 years have passed. Everyone still looks great! I can't wait to see our class picture.

During the day, we discussed families, missing alumni and our jobs. We picked up parenting tips from classmates. It seemed the children had as much fun as the parents, especially playing near (and in) the fountain.

Fellow teachers **Elizabeth Boyce Moretz** and **Stephanie Doswald** are looking forward to the beginning of a new school year. Shoutouts are given to the several alumni who crossed time zones to attend the reunion: **Gabrielle Dotson, Karen Anderson** and **Michelle Runge** traveled from California.

The class party and "The Last Hurrah" were reminiscent of Goolrick Keg parties. We are still a class of "party animals." Several beer runs were made (of course now lite beer is on the menu.) We "jammed" to Billy Idol, The Boss and Freddie Jackson. We watched the video of **Irene Thomaidis** "thanking" President Anderson for her diploma. I had an opportunity to talk with **Eddie Dunn.** She has been awarded a fellowship to spend the summer in Jordan. **Lisa Harvey** can be credited with the participation of many of our alumni. Hence, she was selected (democratically, of course) to serve as chairperson of Reunion Weekend 2001. Big plans are in the works for the reunion, including a tent, catered food and a live band! Lisa will also serve as class agent. Before closing, let me acknowledge a few letters I received. Unfortunately, the letters were received after the *MWC TODAY* spring deadline. **Katherine Spivey,** who attended the reunion, wrote to introduce her husband, William Hecht. William works at Dahlgren, while Katherine continues to combine work for the

International Association of Chiefs of Police and Prince George's Community College. **Jane Carroll Wilson** also wrote to update us on several alumni living in the Northern Virginia area. Jane and her husband, Richard, are living in Arlington. Jane is the director of sales at Advantage Staffing Services. When Jane and Richard married in September 1994, 19 MWC grads were in attendance. **Chip Wood** and his wife, Lauren, are the proud parents of a daughter. **Virginia "Ginny" Farquharson Voyack** and husband Frank have a baby girl. **Gayle Schmith Kelly** and her husband, Frank, are busy with two bouncing boys. Andrew Cole Haberman was born to **Danielle Bernstein Haberman** and her husband, Dan, in April 1996. **J.J. Rickerich Schifsky** and her husband, Dan, are residing in New York. **Cabby Bennett** owns a Chesapeake Bagel Bakery in Las Vegas. Jane also wrote that **Barry McCormick** is busy working and — not surprising — participating in a basketball league.

1987

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1988

Jay Bradshaw
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Ken Plaia
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From **Wendy Santia Huber**:

While sitting across the room from **Bill Fritz** and **Jay Bradshaw** at MWC Career Day, I thought I might take a few moments and fill everyone in on what's been happening. First, I'm living in Charlottesville with my husband and two boys. They keep us very busy! I manage the Kaplan Educational Center in Charlottesville. **Kim Keating McMahon** is living in Md., with her husband, Kevin, and their two little boys, Jake and Mitch. Kim is climbing the ladder with AT&T and loves every minute. **Susan Ripley Dalton** is living in Richmond with her husband, Michael, and their two little girls. They just added a puppy to their family and are looking to move in to a bigger home. **Jeanette Bergman Engel** and hubby Stuart are living in Ashburn with their little girl. They are in the process of building a new home and are hoping to adopt a child in the near future. **Janet Walker** and her little girl are living in Reston. Janet works for CSC and really enjoys it — so much for the sociology degree! **Kim Henrikson** has made her home in Texas. She recently bought a home and sounds like she is doing well in her job and is very happy with the state of Texas. That's all I have. I'd love to know where **Rob Dickey, Scott Talbott** and **Greg Jones** are.

From Jay:

I'm still flying out of the Washington, D.C., area in my company's Learjet. With the political season heating up, I get to fly some very interesting people. The report from Ellen last year of my marriage was premature. It never happened—I guess I just haven't found the Right One! Congrats to Jean and **Joe Mancuso,** who are now parents! Does Joe really change diapers, Jean?

From Ken:

Hello, all. As you can see from my address, I've made the move to the "big" city. I finally got my own place on Capitol Hill. It's an adjustment, but I'm sure I will get used to it quickly. I also live just around the corner from National Academy of Science editor **Valerie Chase** '87. I also just spent a week at a conference in Rimini, Italy, at the International Society of Analytical Cytometry. Interesting stuff, but I wouldn't want to have to go back to Rimini too soon. I might as well have gone to Ocean City, Md., in the off season. I did get to spend four days in Rome, however. That was amazing. I highly recommend you go.

Alex Smith Delmontagne had her third child, Rachel Marie, in 1995. With three children 5 and under, she is now a full-time mother. **Sandy Steger Bodolay** and Marine husband John were expecting their first child in March '96. They recently built a house in Fredericksburg, where their Rottweiler, Casey, likes to romp on 10 acres. Sandy continues to work as a desktop publisher/artist and volunteers as a Red Cross instructor and Special Olympics ice-skating coach. **Kelly Ittenbach Safranek** got married in '95 in Anchorage, Alaska. Her husband, Dennis, is a bush pilot, and they are in the process of opening their own airline business in Glen Allen, Alaska. **Ronni Hach Foss** and husband Mike were married in '89. Mike works for the DOD, and they currently live in Edenton, N.C., with their daughter and son. They plan on being in Edenton for only a couple of years, and then they will move back to Centreville, Va., from whence they came. **Dawn Benner** is still doing her mission work in Lille, France, and trying to decide what to do next. She recently vacationed in Germany, Hungary and the Czech Republic. I ran into **Mercy Pages** while attending a christening in Falls Church. She is still at Unisys in Tysons Corner (seven years!) and is engaged to be married soon. Congratulations to **Nicole Van Gilder** on completing the AIDS Ride D.C.-Philadelphia in June! Congratulations to **Lisa Barker** and brother **Todd** on their move to Los Angeles. I have not heard how they are doing out there, but I'm sure I'll run into them when I go out there for work.

That's all folks!

1989

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Once again an overwhelming response. A lot of great news to report:

Glenda Goodman and her husband spent 10 glorious days driving across the country. They have relocated from the East Coast to the West Coast. In May, **Robin Carrier Lipscomb** finished her master's degree in computer science at the Northern Va., satellite of Virginia Tech. Two days later she gave birth to a very healthy (10lb, 10oz) boy. The happy family lives in Ashburn, Va., and she is a programmer/analyst for a federal contracting company. Robin writes about fellow classmates: **Meghan Baldwin Lau,** her husband, Jim, and their 3 year old live in Alexandria; **Linda Graybeal Hurt** gave birth to her third child; **Stephanie Clark** is being transferred to Cypress for her job with the CIA; and **Mandy Gaddy Luck** moved to Carthage, N.Y. with husband Jim about a year ago. She teaches math, while her husband is a pastor at a local church.

In September, **Lisa Barley** married Rodney Collins and spent two weeks in Yellowstone Park. They live in Sterling, Va. Lisa writes that **Marion White** has completed her student teaching and is applying for ESL teaching positions in Fairfax County. **Doug Crowe** has been working as a commercial insurance broker for almost three years for Thomas Rutherford Inc. He deals with corporations regarding anything they can be sued for. He received the account executive of the year award this past summer for the largest increase in new business among the company's five offices. Doug plans to marry Alisa Weaver from Hawaii, who is a graduate of the College of William and Mary and recently received her master's in psychology.

Kirke Hannum Lisk received her master's of fine arts in illustration from the Savannah College of Art and Design. From there she moved to Alexandria for a few years to do freelance work. She then took a job in Boston working as a regional manager/counselor for a student exchange organization. She then went to Bethesda, Md., to work for a year as a sabbatical replacement for their upper-school art teacher and coached cross country and swimming. This past summer, she changed jobs once again. She is now the assistant college counselor for Episcopal High School in Alexandria, where she lives on campus with her history teacher husband, Steven, and their dog.

Susan McKnight Sprow and her husband, Greg, were expecting their first child in January 1996. **Sharon Perry** is working in Richmond as a production manager for a direct marketing agency, Royall & Company. She works with **Meg Feely** '91 and hangs out with MWC grads, **Sarah Daffron, Debbie Mullins** '92 and **Laura Wallace** '92. Sharon is dating Jim Fuller, a mechanical engineer in Richmond. **Sandra Joyner** married Eric N. Williams, a graduate of Virginia Tech., in May 1996. **Sherry Eller Janney** was her matron of honor and **Sharon Perry** was one of the bridesmaids. Other MWC grads in the wedding were her sister **Karon G. Joyner** '87 and her brother **Burton L. Joyner** '94, who gave her away. Sandra is still employed as a financial analyst by Veda Incorporated, a defense contractor in Northern Virginia, and is working towards her M.B.A. at the Virginia Tech Extension Center. **Neesa Hart** still lives in Fredericksburg, where she is self-employed as an author. She writes historical, mainstream and category romance novels for two publishers: Pinnacle and Silhouette. Her first novel, a historical romance, *The Promise*, was published in 1995 under the pseudonym Mandalyn Kaye. Her next book, *Beyond All Measure*, is a February 1996 release under the same name. In May 1996, her first contemporary mainstream, set in Washington, D.C., will be released under her own name.

Jeff Coron and his wife, **Kristin** '88, have a 1-year-old daughter. Jeff is working in S.W. Washington, D.C., for the Arthur D. Little Com-

pany as an environmental specialist. Kristin enjoys her new career as a mother and housewife. **Karen Clickener-Ousey** joined Smith Environmental Technologies Inc. as a geologist in 1989. She has worked on many industrial sites to investigate and delineate the extent of contamination. In July 1991 she accepted a transfer to the Plymouth Meeting, Pa., office. She met her husband, James, in 1992, and they married in July 1993. A son was born in 1995. Karen is a licensed professional geologist in Pa. **Leah Wilson Casey** works for Hughes STX, a subsidiary of Hughes Aircraft, in Md., as a senior programmer/analyst. She works with TOVS polar orbiting weather satellites. Leah and husband Brian have two sons. They are living in Woodbridge, Va. Leah writes about her MWC roommate, **Anastasia Shirley Carson,** who is living in Thibodeaux, La., with her husband, Paul, and their daughter. Anastasia is still painting and just recently had a very successful one-woman show. Currently she is doing a commission for a local hospital.

Kevin Gedney was married in 1995 to Michelle Gradstone a George Mason graduate. They purchased a new home in Herndon, Va. Kevin is with Sprint International in Reston, Va. **Catherine Hubbard** worked as a tax policy reporter for the Falls Church-based magazine, *Tax Notes*. Since 1993, she has been a health care policy reporter on Capitol Hill at Commerce Clearing House. She is almost finished with her master's degree in government from Johns Hopkins University and plans on a master's in writing next. Catherine is engaged and lives with Perry Grubb in Falls Church. She performs in a bluegrass band with her fiancee and her brother. Catherine reports that classmate **Lisa Claridge** was married to Taso Cheakalos and is expecting her first child. Lisa works as a wholesale purchaser and is working on a certificate in purchasing. **Susanne Rishell Greenberg** moved to Bethesda, Md., in 1990 to work for Kenneth Leventhal & Co. She was married in 1993 and passed the CPA exam in 1994. Susanne works at Carl M. Freeman Associates, the owners of Sea Colony in Bethany Beach, Md., as a property accountant. She is in charge of all the accounting for commercial properties. Susanne had a baby boy in 1995. She reports that classmate **Clare Novak** is working on her master's degree in Albany, N.Y.

Leighann Scott Boland was married in 1994 to a dentist, William Boland, from Manhattan. They are living in Richmond. After working for over three years at a historic estate, Maymont, she moved on to a programs coordinator position with the Virginia Association of Museums. Leighann and her husband are renting a house in the Bellevue section of Richmond with their five cats, five birds and a goldfish. They are in the process of buying a house in Ginter Park. Leighann reports on several classmates: **Page Swartz Beuren** married Joe Buerhan in 1993. They had their first child in January. Page is working for General Electric in the West End and had a house built in Bumpass, Va. **Eileen Burke** is living and working in the West End of Richmond. **Michele McClain** works for Naval Intelligence and has spent time in Kenya and Egypt. **Janna Fryant** was married in 1995 and is now living in Arizona. **Stephanie Shupe** married Rob Hunt in 1993 and now have a beautiful little girl. They are living in Virginia Beach, where Rob is stationed with the Navy.

Doug Robbins is owner and operator of a landscape design and installation company in Chesterfield County. His company sponsors a men's league basketball team, and **Mark Blackwell** '88 is a member. In 1994, Doug moved into a new house that his brother built. Darlene **Chase** got a promotion in 1995 and has become the operations and maintenance manager of the World Wide Web for the Defense Information Systems Agency. Darlene reports that married life is great, but no kids yet — just a dog. Darlene reports on classmates: **Cindy Barnes** was married in 1995 to Andy Hancock, and they live in Manassas with their golden retriever. **Barbara Penkava** was married in 1995 to Glen Miserentino. **Marie Lanuzo** is doing well in Louisa, Va., where she runs a day-care for her family.

Monica Boyle was married in 1994 to Chris Rodgers, a graduate of U.Va. They bought a house in Alexandria in 1994 and they both work for the IRS in ADP procurement. In her spare time, Monica volunteers in the Alexandria City Schools as a tutor, takes dance classes, works out at the gym and works in her garden. She and her husband have spent a great deal of time on their house, building a deck, painting and decorating. In 1995 they took their belated honeymoon, a train trip to Albuquerque, where they rented a car and toured New Mexico and Arizona. Monica reports on classmates: **Melanie Glass** is a medical assistant with an ob-gyn in Alexandria. **Kelly Ittenbach Safranek** lives in Alaska with her husband, Dennis, a bush pilot. **Stephanie Eisenbarth** is a park ranger at Glen Echo, Md.

That is all the news I have to report. Apologies to those who sent news that was lost in the mail mix-up, and those whose news was lost when my car was destroyed by fire. Everything is well with me. I am still at Old Dominion University as the data manager for enrollment services. I am still conducting research, this time a retention study on low-ability students. I am looking for someone to take over the management of the class notes because I will, hopefully, be switching jobs soon. I am a finalist for a special agent position for the FBI, and I do not anticipate having time to coordinate the notes much longer. I will continue to collect news until we find someone.

1990

Beth Johnston McDonald
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Williamsburg, VA 23185

Andrea Schwalm Stolz '89 and her husband welcomed a son in March. **Beth Moore Reeb** and her husband, Mike, are expecting a baby girl. **Kathy Engelbrecht Roberts** and husband Scott are expecting their fourth child. **Amanda Singer Anderson** and her husband, Scott, who live in Lisbon, had their first child in January. **Tami Verchek Ervin** and her husband are living in Herndon and expecting their first child.

Kevin Shirley and his friend, Richard, bought a home in Alexandria. Kevin is working as a communications specialist for the Civil Engineering Research Foundation. I saw **Kris Kabza** '87 and **Louis Dean** '89 when the MWC rugby team was playing in Williamsburg. Kris is the MWC rugby coach and is living and working in Fredericksburg. Louis (formerly of that great pub band, "Free Beer") works as a geographer in Portsmouth, Va., and plans to take a cross-country motorcycle trip.

Bill Germelman '91 and his wife just bought a house in Stafford County. **Brad** and I are doing great and are enjoying our little girl. Please take a minute and drop me a note and let me know what you are up to.

1991

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1992

Dorothy E. Ogburn
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From Dorothy:

Hi, everyone! Once again you guys have been faithfully sending me information! Thank you so much!

There have been a lot of weddings lately! Congratulations to the following: **Kerri Mullen** and **Glen Cook** were married in December 1994. **Mike Zerrull** was married in August. **Katherine Moore** was married in July and **Kathleen Riopelle** was married in June. **Ann Clayton Everett** and **Liam Cleaver** were married in June. They are currently living in Northern Virginia.

Carol Rixey Karavangelas was married in November 1994. She is a marketing coordinator and is living in Woodbridge, N.J. **Suzanne Crawley Cooker** '90, **Linda Ratou O'Neil** '91, **Kristin Wynn** '90 and **Mary Anna Rixey Scott** '85 were her bridesmaids. She told me that both Suzanne and Linda were married in September 1994 and that **Scott Padgett** '91 is living somewhere in Northern California.

Marie Ryan is living in Alexandria and just got back from a Caribbean vacation with **Julie Lail. Jenni Murray Yow** and her husband, Greg, moved to Webster, N.Y., and have just purchased their first house. **Victoria Ann Embs** attended law school at Georgia State in Atlanta. When she wrote, she was working for a sole practitioner and doing criminal defense work. She loves Atlanta and has enjoyed traveling around the South.

Linda Kattwinkel toured Europe after graduation and then worked with special education students. Currently, she is working for a pharmaceutical research contract company. Helen Thompson Shaw was living in Middleton when I heard from her at Christmas. She and her husband, George, are both in school. Both plan to attend graduate school, eventually leading them to occupations geared toward research and teaching. They have a 2-year-old son.

Pam Criser Ginger was married soon after graduation and she was expecting a baby in May. She is living in Herndon and is employed at Environmental Science & Engineering Inc. as a geologist. **Carolyn Hall** worked for Prestige Channel 3 in Fredericksburg after graduation. Now she is a camera person at WRIC-TV Channel 8 in Richmond for the 6 and 11 o'clock news. **Becky Haymaker** was married in July

to Michael Mangan. **Rhonda Stabler Kihlstadius** '90 and **Stephanie Powers** were bridesmaids. Becky is working for Edison Electric Institute in Washington, D.C.

Christine Harrison Martin has moved to Danville, where she is the director of annual giving at Averett College. She is also studying for her N.S.A. at Averett. **Christy Izzo** has been named the assistant to the athletic director at SUNY-Brockport. Christy received a master's degree from Springfield College.

1993

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1994

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We hope this letter finds everyone well and full of good news to share. It seems like yesterday that we gathered in Ball Circle for graduation exercises wondering what our futures held for us. Today, we all have a clearer vision of what we can expect from ourselves and our futures.

Jenn Ramsay and **Betsy Divers** wrote that in fall '95, they toured the United States by car. It took them nine weeks to see 26 states, and their advice to everyone else: "Do it."

We've also heard from **Rodney Fisher**, who works in the U.S. Senate. If anyone is interested in working on "the Hill," Rodney would be glad to share his experiences with you. **Jon Scott** lives in Northern Virginia and works for a Fortune 500 company.

We received a couple of press releases from the military heralding the accomplishments of some of our fellow alumni. Marine Pfc. **Joseph Porto** completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., last summer. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class **Horace C. Inniss** received a letter of commendation while assigned to the National Naval Dental Center in Bethesda, Md., for "his superior performance of duty." Also, Naval Petty Officer 1st Class **Donald Lafond** just recently returned from a six-month overseas deployment aboard the *USS Chancellorsville.*

Danielle Leach is a claims adjuster for Geico in Fredericksburg, and she had a lot to share. **Mark Knezevich** works at Geico with Danielle and still coaches MWC cheerleading. **Deb Brown** is a staff accountant for EOIR Measurements. **Mary Bender** works in the administrative offices at the Arena Stage in Washington, D.C. **Jen Ball** is in grad school at Va. Tech. studying nutrition.

Heather Ringer lives in Charlottesville and works for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. She is engaged to Brendon Stiles, and they will be married in August. **Susanna Parrett** is engaged to be married to **Steve Daley.** Susanna teaches second grade in Caroline County public schools. Steve lives with **Chris Whyte** in Richmond. Chris also is rumored to be tying the knot.

Jenna Stanley and **Marge Foster** live in the Boston area. **Dave Kovacs, Dave Reiten** and **Dave Evans** live in Arlington. Dave Kovacs and Dave Evans work for a Reston company, Aerotech, and Dane Reiten is an Arlington County police officer. **Kim Pandolfi** and **Tara Hollin** live together in Fairfax. Kim works for Bad Habits and coaches high school lacrosse. Tara is a property manager for a Fairfax company. **Becky Miller** also lives in Fairfax and works in the field of environmental science. **Meredith Loughran** joined the Navy and is fifth in her OCS class in Pensacola, Fla. **Scott Blankenship** married Jen Thornas last August. They now live in Richmond. **Dave Marks** is in law school at the University of Richmond, and **Brian Ranney** lives in New York City.

Len Ornstein is a world history teacher at John F. Kennedy High School in the North Bronx. Len further wrote that **Jon Dimeglio** lives in South Jersey and works for Cannon Copiers in Philadelphia. **Ted and Laura Bodine Keim** now live in New Jersey. **Kirk Ranzetta** is at the University of Delaware pursuing a master's degree in historic preservation.

Amy Tozer and **Alex Billeb** recently met Len in the Big Apple for dinner in Little Italy. Amy works at London Fog during the day in Maryland and acts in dinner theater productions at night. Alex lives at home in Connecticut and works with community organizations. **Jen Gilligan** lives in Washington, D.C., and works for the Points of Light Foundation.

Amy Leslie and **Andrew Woodfin** both live in North Carolina. Amy is the editor of an agriculture journal in Raleigh. Andy is studying physics on scholarship at UNC/Charlotte.

Len writes that **Greg Monner** and **Pete Buccellato** live on Long Island. Greg has a job with Chemical Bank, and Pete wants to pursue an acting career. **Jeremy White** also is in the New York City area.

Michelle Byram teaches elementary school in Spotsylvania and she is engaged to be married to **Ron James.** Also in Fredericksburg are **James Noll, John "Robo" Friedsam, Steve Posey** and **Rob Brooks.** John has a landscaping business called "Grasshoppers." Steve works for RPS, and Rob has a medically related job in Maryland. **Leah McNeil** and **Kim Haun** work for Capital 1. **Amy Tubbs** also lives in the 'Burg.

Lisa Edwards works in Dahlgren. **Chris "Boner" Bergin** lives in Northern Virginia and works in sales. **Lori Betourne** is attending grad school in the D.C. area. **Anna Hash** got a long-term substitute-teaching position in the Fredericksburg area.

Nick Duncan writes to us from Roseburg, Ore., where he works for the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. In May, Nick will begin a new position at Diamond Lake in Oregon, where he will talk with fishermen. He also enclosed information about several other people. **Ted Godfrey** is an environmental education instructor in Groton, Vt. **Dave Janes** is completing his graduate studies in Kyoto, Japan. **Ann Kaplan** also is completing grad school in North Carolina. **Lidie Whittier** is an interpreter at Yellowstone National Park. **Kim Ernstrom** '93 works at the Nature Conservancy in Key West, Fla. **Lowell Whitney** also works at ODFW on the White-Tail and Black-Tail Deer Study. Lowell and Nick both got their volunteer positions through the Student Conservation Service.

Amy Grillo is a paralegal in D.C. In August, Amy will be married to Jonathan Kales and will be moving to Connecticut, where her fiancé attends law school. Amy also told us that **Dana Rickman,** who is now Dana Rahe, was married in 1995. She works part time and attends grad school at Georgia State in Atlanta. **Jen Lapasota** graduated from Hofstra University with an M.Ed. in special education.

Sandy LaRoche works at Signet Bank in Fredericksburg. **Kelly Klimkiewicz** is a law student at Widener University. Both Kelly and Sandy are engaged to be married. **Allyson Eubank** attends the University of Delaware in Newark, where she is pursuing a master's in urban planning. And **Maureen Keaney** is a personnel assistant at Thompson Industries in New York.

Jen Pugin wrote from Fairbanks, Alaska. She has earned an M.S. in natural resources management from the University of Alaska in Fairbanks. She plans to herd reindeer in Nome, Alaska, this summer and then spend two months in Japan as part of a National Science Foundation program.

Jen Brown wrote that she married Neal Katz. They live in Alexandria and work at Temple Sinai in D.C. Jen is the religious school assistant, and her husband is the youth director. She also told us that **Liz Reese** lives outside Fredericksburg and is looking into grad schools, and that **Vanessa Steele** lives in Pennsylvania.

Ronna Winn also is at Va. Tech studying nutrition. She writes that **Candace Malone** graduates from William and Mary with an M.B.A. in May. **Terry Kidd** is a paralegal in Richmond, but has been on assignment in Kansas City for the past couple of months. **Aaron Reed** lives in Fredericksburg and works for Geico. And Ronna says **Sandy LaRoche** works for Capital 1 in Fredericksburg. So Sandy, what are you *really* doing?

Jen Dittamo writes she recently completed an M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction and has a contract with Prince William County public schools. Jen also teaches private violin lesson and loves it. **Jill Coryell** writes from Woodbridge that she opened a child care center in her home. Jill would like to know where the *'94 Battlefield* yearbook is. Anyone with information about our yearbooks, please contact Kelly or T.J.

Annie Lellinger finished her master's of social work at Boston University and plans to acquire a job doing therapy with children, adolescents and families. **Sarah Garcia** works at Center Stage Theater in Baltimore and loves it!

Maura Payne and **Anne Donoghue** live in Alexandria. Maura teaches ninth-grade English at North Stafford High School. Anne is a fifth-grade teacher at Widewater Elementary, also in Stafford. **Rhonda Winn** is a flight attendant with ValuJet. We also hear that **Neal Hutchko** manages a Big and Tall Casual Male in Newport News and expects a promotion to the D.C. area.

Kym France writes from Ohio where she has a new career. Kym says she talked to **Dave Winningham** a few times. Dave plans to get married in June and lives in Raleigh, N.C. She also says **Chris Lazzuri** lives in Roanoke. **Mandy Khaiyer** finishes her M.S. at Penn State this year.

As for your class gossips (oops, we mean

agents), **T.J.** works for ARAMARK at ODU as the office manager. Despite loving her new position, T.J. hopes to transfer closer to Fredericksburg. **Kelly** just finished a stint as a student teacher and loved it. She hopes to get a job teaching elementary school in the Lynchburg area while she completes an M.Ed. in curricular and instruction at Lynchburg College.

1995

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From Todd:

Those from the Class of '95 have definitely been busy. Many were too busy to write themselves, so here is what we heard from our sources.

Lydia Hellrick is living in Fredericksburg and working at Belmont. **Amy Wisnesky** also resides in town and has found a position at Mary Washington Hospital.

Around the state, **Katie Eyester** is in Williamsburg and is working in a physical therapist's office. **Becky Markham** was last noted in Lynchburg and working at J. Crew. In Richmond, **Laurel Oliver** has landed a "challenging job" with GMAC, contacting car dealerships from around the state.

Some of our classmates, at last note, have moved out-of-state, like **Julie Kraus**. She now resides in New Haven, Conn., and is working as a "Provider Relations Representative" for a newly formed HMO, named "Community Health Network of Connecticut." **Deirdre O'Leary** lives on Long Island and is pursuing her graduate degree at Hunter College in New York City. Down South, **Shelby Hill** currently calls Murfreesboro, Tenn., "home." She has gotten engaged to Richard Kimzey and is also working as an assistant director for a preschool called Tot's Landing.

Paula Hirst, Adrienne Parker and **Missie Plotkin** were last reported in London. They have found employment and love it over there. If you have noticed that your latest exploits are not here, please write to us soon so that we can share your news.

From Jennifer:

After graduation, **Catherine "Cece" Kidwell** worked as a newspaper journalist on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Cece and her cats, Begonia and Tarzan, are now at The University of North Dakota, where Cece is furthering her education in English as a student and a teaching assistant. **Alicia Bartol** is a grad student and teaching assistant at The University of Kansas. **Todd Turner** '93 works for Birch & Davis Associates, a health care consulting firm in Falls Church, when he is not fishing or hunting. As for me, my tent is pitched in Alexandria, and I am an editorial assistant for the Association of Trial Lawyers of America in Georgetown.

Nominations to the Board of Visitors

The Alumni Association is soliciting recommendations for positions on the College's Board of Visitors. The Nominations to the Board of Visitors Committee reviews each nomination and provides a slate of suggested candidates to the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. Once this slate is approved, it is presented to the Governor's Office for consideration.

Please submit your recommendations to: Office of Alumni Relations, MWC, P.O. Box 1315, Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1315.

Awards Committee Seeks Nominees

The Alumni Awards Committee seeks nominations for the following honors: Distinguished Alumnus Award, Mary Washington College Service Award and Young Alumnus Merit Award. The Alumni Association solicits nominations for these awards on an ongoing basis.

Please submit your nominations to: Office of Alumni Relations, MWC, P.O. Box 1315, Fredericksburg, VA 22402-1315.

IN MEMORIAM

Margaret Dix Brown '17
Ruby Beazley Douglass '19
Parke Anderson Fitchette '26
Katherine Bernard Micks '27
Aphra Moore Sebra '28
Cornelia Bell Stimson Speake '33
Helena E. Lewis '35
Florence Hunnicutt Thornton '35
Avis Fleming Harris '36
Katherine Burgess Robertson '37
Virginia Swann Hill '38
Elsie Dunn Ellis '40
Jean McCaffrey Lewis '40
Corinna Hammack Lowry '40
Frances Robinson Dwyer '41
Virginia Tappin Nolan '42
Thelma Sutton Paulin '43
Ann Green Saus '44
Elizabeth Cook Schlichting '45
Betty Carrier Church '46
Lucy Payne Link '46
Jean Cyphers Childress '49
Shirley Barker Dale '49
Mary Anne Winborne Goode '53
Janet Abbott Carr '54
Suzanne Seeley Golden '63
Betsy Smith Edmunds '72

Margery E. Arnold, associate professor emerita of health, physical education and recreation.

Lucile Cox Jones, retired associate professor of classics.

George E. Luntz, professor emeritus of music.

Caroline Baytop Sinclair, retired professor of physical education.

CONDOLENCES

Lucy Hobson McKerrow '27, who lost her husband.
Arabelle Laws Arrington '41, who lost her brother.
Jamie Redwood Witzel '41, who lost her brother.
Martha Wingfield Embrey '42, who lost her husband.
Jayne Anderson Bell '44, who lost her mother.
Gail Nassell Colglazier '44, who lost her mother.
Anne Marshall Morgan '44, who lost her husband.
Hazel Strong Morris '44, who lost her sister.
Bettie Woodward Pace '46, who lost her husband.
Norvell Milner Hodges '48, who lost her husband.
Kathryn Hill Seay '48, who lost her husband.
Dawn McElrath Gill '49, who lost her husband.
Cora P. Moore Lee '55, who lost her brother.
Ann Scott Koch Howlett '58, who lost her husband.
Constance Booth Logothetis '61, who lost her mother.
Barbara Booth Green '63, who lost her mother.
Judy Templeman Miller '70, who lost her mother.
Patricia Piermatti '70, who lost her father.
Pam Rave Hall '71, who lost her father.
Barbara Penkava '89, who lost her father.
Vickie D. York-Lyter '92, who lost her daughter.
Mary Fiscina '94, who lost her father.
Shelby Hill '95, who lost her father.

Listed incorrectly in the last issue of *MWC TODAY* was that Judy Templeman Miller '70 had lost her father. He passed on in 1964. The correct listing is above, reporting the loss of Judy's mother. We regret the error and extend condolences to Judy and her family.

Margery E. Arnold
1912–1996

From the time she arrived at Mary Washington College as a new physical education teacher in 1945, until her last days gallantly fighting Parkinson's Disease, Marge Arnold never left her listeners in doubt about her views on any issue. Firmness, directness, vitality and honesty are the qualities that come quickly to mind when one looks back on the life of this legendary member of our Mary Washington College community.

As a teacher, Marge had a tremendous impact on her students. She was devoted to her profession and always maintained very high standards for student performance in her physical education classes. She loved sports and, as a young woman, was a member of an All-Star field hockey team. This pursuit of athletic excellence, and her teaching that physical exercise is a lifelong pursuit, led one generation of her students to christen her "Marge, the Sarge," a moniker compounded of equal parts of fear, respect and affection.

She helped the College in many other ways, serving on a number of faculty committees, developing a physical education curriculum when the major in physical education was dropped, and easing the College's transition into a coeducational institution. She twice served as chair of the department.

But all of these activities hardly do justice to the breadth of this woman's interests and the large and fascinating life she led. She was totally involved in the local community, her church, and had a wide circle of friends.

She was an avid gardener all her life. Scattered around the Fredericksburg area are a number of gardens started by Marge, and maintained — under her sometimes imperious supervision — right up to her death. She was also a lover of literature and the arts, especially music. She sang in the St. George's Episcopal Church choir for 40 years, and she was a loving patron of many musicians and musical organizations. She almost single-handedly drove the fund raising for the expansion and renovation of St. George's church organ.

She meticulously planned her own funeral, which was more a concert and musical celebration of her life than an occasion of doleful mourning. She also left an endowment for a celebratory concert which will be given at the church some time in the coming year.

Marge traveled all her life, beginning with a visit to and study in Denmark after graduating from Russell Sarge College in 1934. After her retirement from the College in 1977, she made several lengthy trips to China. She took a number of pictures on these trips and, until her illness prevented public speaking, gave presentations on China to local groups. She became a great admirer of Chinese culture.

Despite the pain of the disease, which rendered her almost immobile, Marge remained active until her death. Through it all she never complained, never felt sorry for herself, but continued to supervise her gardens, dictate letters to the editor, and carry on her devotion to music. She will be sorely missed by both the College and the Fredericksburg communities.

George M. Van Sant
Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy

College Bookstore

College Clothing (center)
Our most popular sweatshirt
Reverse weave premium weight, 90% cotton/10% polyester. Ash with College seal in navy.
S,M,L,XL $31.95
XXL 34.95

Classic Sweatshirt
Traditional imprint on 50% cotton/50% polyester crewneck sweat. Navy or white
S,M,L,XL $22.95
XXL 24.95
Youth Sweat, navy or white
XS,S,M,L 13.95

Cheerleader's Outfit
Two-piece youth set in navy and white.
Sizes 2,4,6,8 . . . . . .$22.95
Sizes 10,12,14 . . . . . 26.95

Insignia Gifts (below)
Tole Tray
SALE $3.88
(limited quantities available)

History of Mary Washington College, 1908-1972 by Edward Alvey Jr. . .$25.00

Ceramic Coffee Mugs
White mug $8.95
Alumni design with metallic gold pinstripe, logo, rim 7.95

Fine Pewter
College seal on distinctive lead-free pewter pieces. Boxed
Table Bell, 3½" $10.95
Bud Vase, 7¼" 14.00
Candle Holder, 2¼" 16.00

Pennants
Jumbo 18 x 45 . . . . . .$11.95
Large 12 x 30 . . . . . 9.95
Small 6 x 15 . . . . . 3.95

Updated Sweat
Popular bar design appliqued on reverse weave premium-weight sweat. Ash with red, white and blue.
M,L,XL $44.95
XXL 46.95

Baseball Cap
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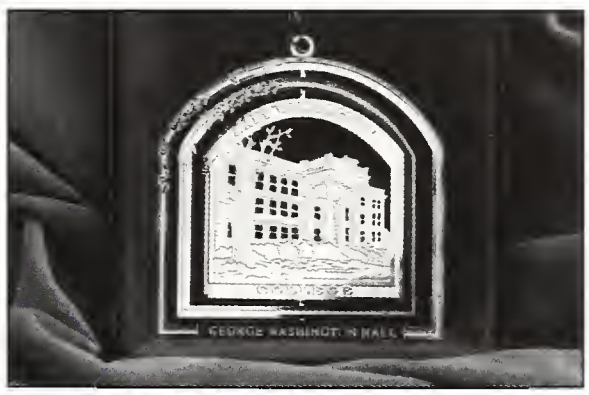

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